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STATISTICS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Population of Metropolitan Area, Estimate, 31st December, 1926, Males, 92,313 ;
Females, 91,910 ; Total, 184,223.

No. 1.—Population of Western Australia (exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals*) from 1917.

Period.	Estimated Population on last day of period.			Increase during period.	Masculinity,§	Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.			
1917	157,532	149,306	306,838	†42	2·68	306,339
1922	183,386	160,222	343,608	7,593	6·74	339,983
1923	189,429	164,386	353,815	10,207	7·08	348,275
1924	195,341	168,783	364,124	10,309	7·29	359,521
1925	199,596	172,587	372,183	8,059	7·26	368,193
1926	203,210	175,536	378,746	6,563	7·31	374,997
First Quarter, 1927	204,860	176,610	381,470	2,724	7·40	380,108
Second Quarter 1927	207,205	177,838	385,043	3,573	7·63	383,256
Third Quarter, 1927 a	209,228	179,055	388,283	3,240	7·77	386,663
Oct. 1927	209,987	179,335	389,322	1,039	7·87	388,802
Nov. 1927	210,903	179,695	390,598	1,276	7·99	389,960
Dec. 1927	211,979	180,159	392,138	1,540	8·11	391,368
Fourth Quarter, 1927	211,979	180,159	392,138	3,855	8·11	390,210

* Estimated Full-blooded Aboriginal Population in the State on 30th June, 1927 : 22,994.

† Decrease.

§ Number of Males over Females in each 100 of total population. a Figures revised from preceding issue.

No. 2.—Arrivals in and Departures* from Western Australia from 1917.

Period.	Arrivals.			Departures.*			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1917	11,557	6,265	17,822	15,518	7,459	22,977	†3,961	†1,194	†5,155
1922	19,754	11,387	31,141	17,037	11,175	28,212	2,717	212	2,929
1923	21,617	12,218	33,835	17,681	10,871	28,552	3,936	1,347	5,283
1924	22,217	12,978	35,195	18,481	11,443	29,924	3,736	1,535	5,271
1925	20,358	12,562	32,920	18,156	11,575	29,731	2,202	987	3,189
1926	19,093	11,639	30,732	17,654	11,466	29,120	1,439	173	1,612
First Quarter, 1927	5,798	3,610	9,408	4,757	3,225	7,982	1,041	385	1,426
Second Quarter, 1927	5,663	3,204	8,867	3,890	2,675	6,565	1,773	529	2,302
Third Quarter, 1927 a	4,990	2,511	7,501	3,530	1,987	5,517	1,460	524	1,984
Oct. 1927	2,147	1,037	3,184	1,557	980	2,537	590	57	647
Nov. 1927	2,320	1,176	3,496	1,588	1,035	2,623	732	141	873
Dec. 1927	2,542	1,514	4,056	1,617	1,280	2,897	925	234	1,159
Fourth Quarter, 1927	7,009	3,727	10,736	4,762	3,295	8,057	2,247	432	2,679

* Including allowance for unrecorded departures.

† Excess of departures over arrivals.
from preceding issue.

a Figures revised

No. 3.—Assisted and Nominated Immigration from 1917.

Period.	Adults (12 years and upwards).			Children under 12 years of age.			Total.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1917	3	19	22	2	2	4	5	21	26
1922 a	2,921	909	3,830	262	276	538	3,183	1,185	4,368
1923 a	4,855	1,467	6,322	734	604	1,338	5,589	2,071	7,660
1924 a	2,984	1,614	4,598	1,111	1,006	2,117	4,095	2,620	6,715
1925 a	2,048	1,118	3,166	439	406	845	2,487	1,524	4,011
1926	2,051	1,108	3,159	481	389	870	2,532	1,497	4,029
1927, First Quarter	666	355	1,021	196	153	349	862	508	1,370
1927, Second Quarter	580	375	955	108	106	214	688	481	1,169
1927, Third Quarter	482	247	729	83	63	146	565	310	875
1927, Fourth Quarter	773	460	1,233	146	116	262	919	576	1,495

a Including Immigrants under the Ex-Service Scheme.

No. 4.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in Western Australia from 1917.

Period.	Marriages Registered.	Births Registered.			Deaths Registered.			Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Birth, Death, and Marriage Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.		
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Marriage Rate.
1917	1,621	4,058	3,824	7,882	1,802	967	2,769	5,113	25.76	9.05	5.30
1922	2,446	4,163	3,968	8,131	1,994	1,173	3,167	4,964	23.92	9.32	7.19
1923	2,376	4,014	3,840	7,854	1,907	1,023	2,930	4,924	22.55	8.41	6.82
1924	2,506	4,215	4,086	8,301	2,039	1,224	3,263	5,038	23.09	9.08	7.22
1925	2,746	4,210	3,975	8,185	2,157	1,158	3,315	4,870	22.23	9.00	7.46
1926	2,844	4,306	3,995	8,301	2,131	1,219	3,350	4,951	22.74	8.93	7.58
First Quarter, 1927 ...	864	1,086	1,007	2,093	477	318	795	1,298	22.34	8.48	9.22
Second Quarter, 1927	728	1,116	1,033	2,149	544	334	878	1,271	22.49	9.19	7.62
Third Quarter, 1927a	671	1,132	1,040	2,172	569	347	916	1,256	22.29	9.40	6.88
October, 1927 ...	273	336	347	683	167	124	291	392	20.68	8.81	8.27
November, 1927 ...	236	342	348	690	158	129	287	403	21.54	8.95	7.36
December, 1927 ...	339	315	312	627	164	82	246	381	18.86	7.40	10.20
Fourth Quarter, 1927	848	993	1,007	2,000	489	335	824	1,176	20.33	8.38	8.62

a Figures revised from preceding issue.

II.—CENSUS OF 1921.

NOTE.—All figures are exclusive of full-blooded aborigines.

No. 5.—Summary of Populations of Local Government Areas in Western Australia on 4th April, 1921.

Local Government Areas.		Population.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.
Municipalities—				
Metropolitan		59,284	64,380	123,664
Other		21,291	21,280	42,571
Total		80,575	85,660	166,235
Road Districts		92,502	63,805	161,307
Migratory †		4,201	989	5,190
Total for the State		177,278	155,454	332,732
Census, 3-4-11		161,565	120,549	282,114

† Includes Half-Caste Aborigines, Railway Travellers, and Shipping.

III.—FINANCE.

No. 6.—State Revenue, July, to December, 1927.

Particulars.	3 Mths. July-Sept. 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Particulars.	3 Mths. July-Sept. 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
GOVERNMENTAL TAXATION.					PUBLIC UTILITIES.				
Land Tax	£ 26,366	£ 7,743	£ 6,647	£ 6,151	Aborig. Cattle Stn.	£ 320	£ 85	£ ...	£ 174
Income Tax	36,393	21,801	11,883	12,638	Bunbury Harb. Bd.	4,750	1,500	2,000	1,500
Dividend Duty	54,941	20,902	12,517	9,013	Butter Factories ...	...	1,405	541	73
Totalisator Tax	9,886	3,627	4,899	5,010	Electricity Supply	35,028	19,127	17,972	17,276
Stamp Duty	63,205	17,753	21,724	21,229	Fmtle. Harb. Trust	50,916	17,685	26,685	17,685
Probate Duty	13,470	2,788	2,144	6,225	Goldf. Water Sup'ly	21,273	10,078	10,304	10,089
Licenses	9,122	543	2,331	22,328	Gov. Rfring. Works	13	172	200	239
Total	213,383	75,157	62,145	82,594	Kalgoorlie Ab'toirs	747	151	358	206
TERRITORIAL.					Met. Ab'toirs and				
Land Revenue	128,004	15,930	12,449	10,204	Saleyards ...	10,326	3,887	3,966	4,330
Timber Revenue	27,043	16,297	13,253	12,409	Met. Water Supply,				
Mining Revenue	3,092	931	616	660	etc.	47,132	32,250	38,706	32,073
Sandalwood	3,372	...	...	10,868	Other Hydril. Wks.	6,832	2,645	3,313	2,036
Total	161,511	33,158	26,318	34,141	Perth City Markets	364	97	58	129
Law Courts	10,586	3,149	3,905	3,655	Railways	758,759	269,862	295,074	314,323
Reimbursement Fees, etc.	246,607	39,832	27,601	346,483	State Batteries ...	1,949	413	971	1,162
Royal Mint	2,674	990	1,000	1,068	Tourists Res'ts, etc.	1,450	1,014	1,472	1,606
COMMONWEALTH.					Tramways (Perth)	70,412	23,234	24,146	25,604
Surplus Revenue	120,936	47,366	47,057	47,057	Recoup*	140	96	79	49,570
Interest on Transferred Properties	...	...	...	...	Balance transferred*	2,000	1,000	...	10,300
Disabilities Grant ...	75,000	47,160	47,160	47,160	Total	1,012,407	384,701	425,845	488,375
Total, Governmental ...	830,697	246,812	215,186	562,158	GRAND TOTAL	1,843,104	631,513	641,031	1,050,533

* State Trading Concerns.

No. 7.—State Expenditure, July, to December, 1927.

Particulars.	3 Mths. July- Sept. 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Particulars.	3 Mths. July- Sept. 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
ESTABLISHMENTS.	£	£	£	£	<i>Special Acts.</i>	£	£	£	£
H.B. the Governor	584	162	181	171	Constitution Act ...	2,662	888	888	887
Legislative Council	389	64	209	201	Loan Acts ...	782,663	263,989	263,989	267,962
Legislative Assembly	772	187	236	282	Aborigines ...	5,809	2,677	1,081	433
House Committee ...	1,453	506	380	489	Annuities ...	42	21	21	21
Printing Committee	969	324	323	507	Auditor General ...	200	67	67	167
Library Committee	107	40	54	13	Com. of Railways	500	167	167	167
Total ...	4,274	1,283	1,383	1,663	Com'wth. Pensions	1,075	430	299	387
<i>Departments, etc.</i>					Arbitration ...	850	283	283	283
Premier's Office ...	4,528	941	1,395	2,825	Fire B'gde Board	3,186	...	3,205	...
Executive Council...	...	...	...	...	Consrvr. of Forests	240	80	80	80
London Agency ...	3,218	765	874	1,198	Forests Acts ...	15,325	8,718	6,723	8,052
P.S. Commissioner	352	116	122	193	Judges' Pensions...	463	154	154	71
Motor Cars ...	3,050	1,496	156	646	Judges' Salaries...	1,775	592	785	692
Printing ...	16,474	5,152	6,396	6,405	Land Improvement	...	...	...	7,500
Tourist and Pub-	...	...	...	...	Parliamentary Al-	...	...	...	...
licity ...	466	158	129	209	lowances ...	12,090	4,033	4,033	4,023
Literary and Scien-	...	...	...	...	Pensions Act ...	9,234	4,408	4,491	4,246
tific ...	2,521	825	825	1,275	P.S. Commissioner	652	...	...	...
Forests ...	5,084	1,759	2,314	2,426	Royal Mint ...	6,250	2,083	2,084	2,083
Treasury ...	4,452	1,526	1,611	2,479	Tramway Purchase	...	...	...	...
Audit ...	3,128	1,081	1,039	1,915	W.A. University	5,375	1,791	896	2,687
Allowances ...	863	574	174	544	Total ...	848,391	290,381	289,246	299,741
Taxes ...	4,225	1,205	1,420	1,582					
Taxation ...	7,468	2,478	2,486	2,555	<i>Business</i>				
Miscellaneous ...	30,182	11,139	10,681	150,922	<i>Undertakings.</i>				
Metro. Market Act	100	100	100	100	Cattle Station, Avon				
lands and Surveys	15,847	5,869	6,473	6,841	Valley ...	236	117	96	360
Agricultural Indus-	750	Cr. 750	...	...	Ab. Cattle Station,	...	...	...	...
tries, etc. ...	...	...	...	...	Moola Bulla ...	452	460	324	378
Group Settlements	1,832	590	564	6	Albany Cold Stores	...	...	...	...
Immigration ...	260	119	95	148	Butter Factories ...	...	...	...	...
Council Indus. Dev.	23,376	7,764	8,343	11,841	G'fds. Water Sup-	...	...	...	...
Mines ...	15,657	6,244	7,379	6,162	ply ...	30,733	9,416	5,598	20,814
Agriculture ...	1,814	729	587	610	Kalm. Abattoirs ...	524	142	116	139
College of Agri-	21,057	6,061	6,902	8,903	Metro. Abattoirs	...	...	...	...
culture ...	49,588	16,492	16,469	23,058	and Saleyards	6,661	3,294	1,751	1,088
Crown Law ...	4,068	1,091	1,250	1,400	Met. Water Supply	...	...	...	...
Police ...	...	...	...	...	etc. ...	20,032	8,073	8,971	25,748
Chief Sec. Office ...	1,225	352	409	513	Other Hydraulic	7,216	2,895	1,519	2,616
Aborigines ...	2,820	913	622	672	Undertakings...	243	112	30	43
Fisheries ...	6,712	1,828	2,029	2,321	Perth City Markets	583,214	221,835	234,014	228,073
Registry and Friend-	5,549	1,687	2,050	1,283	Railways ...	49,415	21,725	19,980	18,968
ly Societies ...	20,633	7,946	9,917	8,224	Tramways ...	37,065	14,327	13,494	13,904
Islands ...	502	81	96	186	Electricity Supply	6,144	2,050	2,138	3,216
Harbour and Lights	22,440	8,180	8,255	9,945	State Batteries ...	1,236	697	1,126	1,550
Quarantine ...	516	163	189	203	Tourist Resorts ...	...	...	...	...
Labour Bureau ...	40,914	13,718	13,790	13,580	Total ...	743,171	285,143	289,157	316,897
Medical ...	166,069	55,391	53,155	54,779					
Education ...	9,264	2,443	2,442	2,948	GRAND TOTAL ...	2,107,962	756,946	750,524	956,834
Health ...	12,414	13,323	...	6,932					
Works and Build-	2,708	890	...	1,287					
ings ...	...	...	...	...	
Labour ...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	512,126	180,139	170,738	338,533					

No. 8.—State Trading Concerns, July to December, 1927.

Name, Concern.	DEBITS.				CREDITS.			
	3 Months, July-Sept., 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	3 Months, July-Sept., 1927.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Workshops ...	13,810	4,558	3,719	5,417	11,612	4,191	3,793	4,626
Trains ...	2,923	643	975	1,331	2,215	883	812	1,135
Hotels ...	17,832	9,002	3,832	11,362	15,956	8,255	7,779	7,593
Engines and Engin-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
neering Works ...	44,450	9,964	12,521	23,915	28,905	11,376	10,346	7,492
Harry, Boya ...	9,395	2,457	3,203	4,070	8,952	3,307	3,773	2,440
W Mills ...	208,243	68,324	57,465	89,472	144,503	83,200	97,461	69,094
Shipping Service ...	47,669	17,407	11,657	30,315	49,945	4,076	5,557	13,870
Lyndham Freezing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Works ...	132,015	24,251	15,775	7,954	169,819	43,870	12,130	21,820
Total ...	476,337	136,606	109,147	173,836	431,907	159,158	141,651	128,070

No. 9.—Summary of State Revenue, 1st July, 1917, to 31st December, 1927.

Period.	Collected by the State.					From Common- wealth Funds.	Total State Revenue.	Mean Popula- tion.	Revenue Per head of Popu- lation.
	Taxation.	Land, Timber, and Mining.	Business Concerns.		Other Sources.				
			* Railways.	Other.					
1917-18 ...	£ 449,456	£ 315,907	£ 1,970,333	£ 800,924	£ 486,677	£ 599,239	£ 4,622,536	306,458	£ 15-084
1922-23 ...	987,558	403,335	3,150,037	985,865	1,097,511	583,186	7,207,492	343,947	20-995
1923-24 ...	1,173,568	462,656	3,465,297	1,045,605	1,132,745	585,723	7,865,594	353,651	22-241
1924-25 ...	1,224,030	502,224	3,616,426	1,104,120	1,316,511	588,135	8,381,446	364,322	23-006
1925-26 ...	1,418,050	541,738	3,604,914	1,183,440	1,471,513	588,511	8,808,166	371,577	23-705
1926-27 ...	1,211,343	550,912	3,869,300	1,268,666	1,697,480	1,153,132	9,750,833	379,266	25-709
July-Dec., 1927	433,279	255,128	1,781,416	529,912	687,550	478,896	4,166,181	388,436	10-726

* Including Perth Electric Tramways.

No. 10.—Summary of State Expenditure, from 1st July, 1917, to 31st December, 1927.

Period.	Interest and Sink- ing Funds, Public Debt.	Lands, Surveys, Forests, and Mines.	Business Concerns.		Educa- tion.	All other.	Total State Expendi- ture.	Per head of Popu- lation.	Debit Balance at end of period.
			* Rail- ways.	Other.					
1917-18 ...	£ 1,875,198	£ 117,575	£ 1,559,579	£ 368,751	£ 367,292	£ 1,039,884	£ 5,328,279	£ 17-387	£ 2,766,46
1922-23 ...	2,575,069	224,349	2,427,946	505,084	580,182	1,300,226	7,612,356	22-134	5,910,92
1923-24 ...	2,833,977	244,951	2,542,783	499,222	597,547	1,376,273	8,094,753	22-889	6,140,08
1924-25 ...	3,096,564	229,854	2,801,033	506,557	603,964	1,401,872	8,439,844	23-165	6,198,49
1925-26 ...	3,298,229	254,159	2,764,144	534,666	615,209	1,440,902	8,907,309	23-972	6,297,62
1926-27 ...	3,295,038	268,524	2,929,485	559,759	668,561	2,001,221	9,722,588	25-634	6,269,38
July to Dec., 1927	1,578,603	137,035	1,378,225	257,144	340,143	881,116	4,572,266	11-771	6,675,46

* Including Perth Electric Tramways.

† Includes £6,140,087 transferred to Deficiency Account.

No. 11.—Public Debt, 1918 to 1927 ; also Indebtedness per head of Estimated Population.

Date.	Amount outstanding.				Average nominal interest payable.	Accrued Sinking Fund on 31st March.	Net Indebtedness (Approximate).	
	Deben- tures.	Inscribed Stock.	Treasury Bills and Bonds, etc.	Total.			Amount.	Per head Populatio
30th June— 1918 ...	£ 1,153,110	£ 33,866,076	£ 7,284,815	£ 42,304,001	% 3-82	£ 5,570,851	£ 36,733,150	£ 119-31
1923 ...	1,270,010	43,401,448	13,814,396	58,485,854	4-34	8,781,051	49,704,803	142-78
1924 ...	1,042,127	44,589,613	16,134,042	62,765,782	4-43	9,373,571	53,392,211	148-17
1925 ...	1,652,927	47,375,806	11,464,528	64,493,261	4-49	9,985,031	54,508,130	148-10
1926 ...	4,828,815	52,544,658	12,637,448	70,010,921	4-50	10,654,493	59,356,428	158-21
1927† ...	6,439,915	52,059,218	12,107,042	70,606,175	4-52	8,756,936	61,849,239	160-62
31st Dec.— 1927	8,177,534	54,301,287	10,216,707	72,695,528	4-53	*8,925,644	63,769,884	162-62

* On 30th September, 1926.

† Corrected figures from previous issue.

No. 12.—Transactions of Commonwealth Savings Bank in Western Australia from 1st July, 1917.

Period.	* Amount deposited during period.	* Amount withdrawn during period.	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Interest.	Number of Accounts.			Due to Depositors at end of period.	Average to credit of each account.	Average per head ^{and} population
					Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open.			
1917-18 ...	£ 1,160,924	£ 921,520	£ 239,404	£ 31,111	No. 8,401	No. 3,262	No. 35,301	£ 1,254,694	£ 35·543	£ 4·071
1922-1923 ...	2,103,876	1,951,193	152,682	65,188	9,975	5,399	61,837	2,099,187	33·947	6·030
1923-1924 ...	2,381,223	2,159,072	222,152	67,700	11,718	5,594	67,961	2,298,027	33·814	6·377
1924-1925 ...	2,306,620	2,283,109	43,511	72,970	11,234	6,456	72,739	2,332,647	32·069	6·338
1925-1926 ...	2,522,246	2,319,268	202,978	77,478	12,441	7,198	77,982	2,541,829	32·595	6·774
1926-1927 ...	2,759,595	2,532,342	177,253	83,629	13,341	7,637	83,680	2,728,867	32·608	7·098
Sept. Qr., 1927	703,459	658,533	44,926	†290	3,513	2,021	85,178	2,774,423	32·572	7·144

* Exclusive of transfers from and to other States of the Commonwealth, but including interest on accounts closed.

† Interest credited for period.

‡ Excess of withdrawals over deposits.

No. 13.—Transactions of the State Government Savings Bank from 1917.

Period.	Amount deposited.	Amount with-drawn.	Interest.	Number of Accounts			Due to Depositors.	Average per Account.	* Average per head of population.
				Opened.	Closed.	Remain-ing open.			
1917-18	£ 3,606,075	£ 3,549,293	£ 160,250	No. 15,587	No. 11,544	No. 119,057	£ 4,997,766	£ 41.978	£ 16.356
1922-23	5,321,616	5,380,577	188,928	17,871	12,656	147,059	5,866,286	39.891	17.047
1923-24	5,696,912	5,904,923	187,415	18,920	12,847	153,132	5,845,690	38.174	16.429
1924-25	5,796,113	5,940,535	191,934	23,991	17,515	159,608	5,893,202	36.923	16.225
1925-26	6,312,143	6,061,332	202,700	22,587	15,132	167,063	6,346,713	37.990	17.137
1926-27	7,057,817	6,742,398	219,128	25,072	15,506	176,629	6,881,260	38.959	18.119
6 months ended 31st Dec., 1927 ...	3,940,398	3,759,193	† 4,303	12,146	7,104	181,671	|| 7,066,768	38.899	18.238

§ SCHOOLS SAVINGS BANK.

1917-18	20,583	19,165	934	5,339	3,588	27,782	37,568	1.352	**0.793
1922-23	34,361	29,226	1,679	6,601	3,683	41,318	67,947	1.644	**1.329
1923-24	36,171	31,556	1,868	6,441	4,010	43,749	74,430	1.701	**1.448
1924-25	36,872	35,209	1,992	5,820	4,215	45,354	78,085	1.722	**1.521
1925-26	37,509	36,415	2,104	5,980	4,026	47,308	81,282	1.718	**1.572
1926-27	37,455	36,660	2,192	5,622	4,069	48,861	84,269	1.725	**1.581
6 months ended 31st Dec., 1927 ...	21,185	20,547	† 23	2,388	1,897	49,352	|| 84,930	1.721	**1.650

Including Schools Savings Bank Deposits. † Interest on those accounts only which were closed during the period
 § Worked in connection with Government Savings Bank. || Exclusive of accrued interest from 1st July, 1927.
 ** Per head of number of school children on the Roll.

No. 14.—Averages from 1917 of the Weekly Statements of Liabilities and Assets of the Cheque-paying Banks (formerly Banks of Issue) operating in Western Australia.

Weekly average clearance, Perth Banks, during the quarter ended 26th Dec., 1927, was £2,134,699 as compared with £2,136,995 during Dec. quarter of 1926.

Period.				No. of Banks.	Liabilities.						
					Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Average Liabilities.
								Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	
					£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1917	...	...	...	...	27,147	51,346	254,907	4,283,180	4,305,954	8,589,134	8,922,534
1922	...	...	...	10	26,090	207,265	300,378	5,967,364	6,292,335	12,259,699	12,793,432
1923	...	...	...	11	25,651	200,889	259,443	5,803,305	6,871,113	12,674,418	13,160,401
1924	...	...	...	11	25,674	193,844	222,607	6,213,343	6,909,009	13,122,352	13,564,477
1925	...	...	...	11	25,296	179,693	398,084	6,953,777	6,646,085	13,599,862	14,202,935
1926	...	...	...	12	25,278	161,844	558,707	6,408,958	8,019,494	14,428,452	15,174,281
1927, First Quarter	...	...	...	12	25,251	169,115	1,144,318	6,386,747	8,492,095	14,878,842	16,217,526
1927, Second Quarter	...	...	...	† 10	25,248	160,892	1,010,100	6,469,515	8,427,775	14,897,290	16,093,530
1927, Third Quarter	...	...	...	10	25,246	153,517	728,284	5,858,672	8,502,104	14,360,776	15,267,823
1927, Fourth Quarter	...	...	...	10	25,243	190,375	811,306	6,174,811	8,687,356	14,862,167	15,889,091

Period.	Assets.								Total Average Assets.
	Coined Gold, Silver, and other metals.	Gold and Silver in Bullion and Bars.	Government, Municipal, and Public Securities.	Landed Property and Bank Premises.	Australian Notes.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills discounted, and other Debts.	
1917	£ 1,254,261	£ 393,089	£ 624,532	£ 230,233	£ 1,568,869	£ 118,979	£ 537,700	£ 9,142,638	£ 13,870,301
1922	1,363,208	162,909	886,434	271,235	1,729,053	156,906	639,844	10,765,515	15,975,104
1923	1,481,347	156,631	923,203	322,241	1,768,824	189,666	630,824	11,397,913	16,870,654
1924	1,508,383	143,360	879,726	333,332	1,920,326	222,763	436,888	11,656,474	17,101,252
1925	1,831,641	136,917	863,272	380,282	* 2,102,707	234,966	357,287	12,047,609	17,954,681
1926	2,362,399	138,195	968,610	416,469	2,135,193	225,979	290,955	13,813,918	20,351,720
1927, 1st Qr.	1,805,025	122,504	1,821,163	428,307	2,734,942	247,395	758,973	14,455,850	22,374,159
1927, 2nd Qr.	1,597,988	123,607	2,046,373	471,349	2,234,775	194,179	245,946	14,449,576	21,413,793
1927, 3rd Qr.	1,480,024	120,808	2,063,015	512,933	1,932,996	191,441	184,056	15,527,417	22,012,690
1927, 4th Qr.	1,516,097	128,757	2,075,627	498,259	2,206,939	201,361	103,095	16,140,090	22,870,225

* From 1925 including cash with Commonwealth Bank.
 † New South Wales Bank and Western Australian Bank amalgamated 29th March, 1927, and the English, Scottish and Australian Bank and the Royal Bank of Australia amalgamated on 1st April, 1927.

IV.—SHIPPING.

No. 15.—Number and Net Tonnage of Vessels (including Vessels trading only within the State and Vessels calling at more than one Port) entered and cleared at each Western Australian Port during the Three Months ended 30th Sept. 1927.

ENTERED.

Ports.	Oversea.				Inter-State.				Local Vessels trading within the State.		Total.	
	Via Ports within the State.		From Ports outside the State.		Via Ports within the State.		From Ports outside the State.		No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.				
Fremantle ...	6	11,696	82	388,924	6	20,064	68	338,735	20	32,639	182	792,058
Albany ...	...	...	5	33,437	...	...	11	49,834	18	32,386	34	115,657
Broome ...	4	7,190	1	14	1	2,281	...	...	16	32,245	22	41,730
Bunbury ...	1	3,077	5	15,486	2	5,194	7	21,791	21	36,964	36	82,512
Busselton ...	...	...	2	6,273	...	...	...	...	10	9,838	12	16,111
Carnarvon ...	5	8,990	1	1,255	2	4,562	...	...	19	37,340	27	52,147
Cossack ...	4	7,190	...	...	1	2,281	...	...	17	33,073	22	42,544
Derby ...	2	4,342	4	7,190	1	2,281	...	...	14	27,683	21	41,496
Esperance ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1,760	4	1,760
Geraldton ...	...	6,806	...	...	3	6,496	...	...	16	29,286	23	42,588
Onslow ...	...	11,696	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	36,747	25	48,443
Port Hedland ...	4	7,190	...	...	1	2,281	...	...	19	27,829	24	37,300
Wyndham ...	...	...	5	9,217	1	5,110	3	12,278	1	2,281	10	28,886

CLEARED.

Ports.	Oversea.				Inter-State.				Local Vessels trading within the State.		Total.	
	Via Ports within the State.		For Ports outside the State.		Via Ports within the State.		For Ports outside the State.		No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.				
Fremantle ...	12	31,579	67	338,035	10	32,209	69	356,584	23	42,861	181	801,268
Albany ...	...	...	6	29,908	...	...	14	62,816	14	22,933	34	115,657
Broome ...	7	12,580	5	65	1	2,281	...	...	17	26,953	30	41,879
Bunbury ...	5	15,893	19	55,661	5	9,033	4	7,942	6	2,640	39	91,169
Busselton ...	1	3,302	...	...	2	3,621	2	3,577	6	2,640	11	13,140
Carnarvon ...	6	10,560	1	1,168	...	...	...	...	20	40,517	27	52,245
Cossack ...	6	10,560	...	...	1	2,281	...	...	15	29,703	22	42,544
Derby ...	...	...	7	12,580	1	2,281	...	...	13	26,635	21	41,496
Esperance ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1,760	4	1,760
Geraldton ...	7	13,266	...	...	2	4,215	...	...	13	25,479	22	42,960
Onslow ...	7	13,266	...	...	1	2,281	...	...	16	32,834	24	48,381
Port Hedland ...	6	10,560	...	...	1	2,281	...	...	17	24,459	24	37,300
Wyndham ...	...	...	6	19,982	...	...	1	2,281	3	6,623	10	28,886

No. 16.—Number and Net Tonnage of Vessels entered and cleared at Western Australian Ports, from and to Ports outside the State, during the undermentioned Periods.

Year.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Inwards and Outwards.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
1917-18 ...	312	1,094,000	315	1,102,295	627	2,196,295
1922-23 ...	708	3,166,116	709	3,087,946	1,417	6,524,062
1923-24 ...	673	3,097,386	673	3,101,166	1,346	6,198,552
1924-25 ...	807	3,666,226	805	3,657,529	1,612	7,323,755
1925-26 ...	684	3,268,883	685	3,256,132	1,369	6,525,015
1926-27 ...	796	3,763,957	799	3,796,564	1,595	7,560,521
Three months ended 30th Sept., 1927 ...	194	884,434	201	890,599	395	1,775,033

V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTIONS.

No. 17.—Gross Customs, Excise, and other Collections in Western Australia during the undermentioned Periods.

Stations.	Year ended 30th June, 1927.				6 Months ended 30th December, 1927.			
	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.
Fremantle ...	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Perth ...	1,632,375	648,544	70,729	2,351,648	870,063	353,735	30,931	1,254,729
Albany ...	10,118	5,362	7,026	22,506	9,963	2,465	2,981	15,409
Broome ...	8,980	29	136	9,145	3,270	...	42	3,312
Bunbury ...	10,389	31	3,218	13,638	5,050	...	1,369	6,419
Busselton ...	110	...	1,729	1,839	99	...	672	771
Carnarvon ...	4,554	...	152	4,706	2,436	...	67	2,503
Derby ...	587	...	55	642	99	...	28	127
Esperance ...	...	...	103	103	...	...	...	...
Geraldton ...	8,151	12,180	1,860	22,191	4,399	6,630	308	11,337
Onslow ...	865	34	57	956	517	...	49	566
Port Hedland ...	869	...	66	935	639	...	30	669
Roebourne ...	681	...	124	805	375	...	56	431
Wyndham ...	159	13	11	183	385	...	157	542
Other ...	...	...	1,198	1,198	...	...	1,645	1,645
Total ...	1,677,838	666,193	86,464	2,430,495	897,295	362,830	38,335	1,298,460

VI.—TRADE.

No. 18.—Value of Imports into Western Australia during the undermentioned periods, showing origin and value per head of mean population.

Country of Origin.	1917-18.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Great Britain	1,112,995	4,305,108	3,737,593	4,204,487	3,915,891	4,265,675
Other States of Commonwealth	5,143,962	6,465,587	6,749,087	7,105,929	7,644,962	8,053,194
New Zealand	18,214	37,488	56,355	39,792	42,666	28,378
Other British Possessions ...	647,173	766,826	974,334	1,159,747	1,278,257	1,662,605
Total, British	6,922,344	11,575,009	11,517,369	12,509,955	12,881,776	14,009,852
Foreign Countries	726,889	2,202,670	2,826,776	3,564,080	3,580,796	4,366,211
Grand Total	7,649,233	13,777,679	14,344,145	16,074,035	16,462,572	18,376,063
Value of Imports per head of Mean Population	24.932	40.058	40.555	44.120	44.305	48.450

No. 19.—Value of Exports from Western Australia during the undermentioned periods, showing destination and value per head of mean population.

Exports to.	1917-18.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Great Britain	1,129,992	4,106,769	4,838,768	5,368,479	5,217,871	4,078,046
Other States of Commonwealth	1,391,439	1,126,223	1,463,945	1,311,688	1,438,122	1,405,086
New Zealand	8,946	64,370	109,646	100,809	116,092	135,215
Other British Possessions ...	2,562,868	3,123,629	3,198,417	1,729,289	3,155,708	2,873,728
Total, British	5,093,245	8,420,991	9,610,776	8,510,265	9,927,793	8,492,075
Foreign Countries	558,480	2,384,728	4,265,794	5,660,921	4,121,960	5,980,933
Ships' Stores	155,610	299,501	246,719	493,362	531,904	678,951
Grand Total	5,807,335	11,105,220	14,123,289	14,664,548	14,581,657	15,151,959
Value of Exports per head of Mean Population	18.928	32.288	30.931	40.252	39.243	39.940

No. 20.—Total Value of Imports into, and Exports from, the State of Western Australia, from and to the other States of the Commonwealth during the undermentioned periods.

Origin.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Total.
IMPORTS—YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1927.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian	3,373,630	3,452,915	84,092	962,360	143,198	36,999	8,053,194
Oversea	441,590	323,640	1,936	106,517	1,506	645	875,834
Total	3,815,220	3,776,555	86,028	1,068,877	144,704	37,644	8,929,028
EXPORTS*—YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1927.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Australian	245,957	379,585	21,983	488,630	4,506	1,835	1,142,496
Other Australian	29,917	57,045	4,454	37,265	837	249	129,767
Oversea	34,117	42,086	2,188	53,647	280	505	132,823
Total	309,991	478,716	28,625	579,542	5,623	2,589	1,405,086
IMPORTS—SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian	1,562,381	1,882,111	72,646	570,548	69,871	1,059	4,158,616
Oversea	244,350	171,025	559	34,636	...	110	450,680
Total	1,806,731	2,053,136	73,205	605,184	69,871	1,169	4,609,296
EXPORTS*—SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Australian	139,890	200,104	15,993	210,073	3,474	1,335	570,869
Other Australian	15,463	27,210	793	15,705	451	762	60,384
Oversea	16,323	15,814	9,928	13,383	185	2,222	57,855
Total	171,676	243,128	26,714	239,161	4,110	4,319	689,108

* Exclusive of Ship's Stores.

No. 21.—Value of Imports into Western Australia during 1917-18 and each of the Five Years ended 30th June, 1923 to 1927, distinguishing the more important articles or groups of articles.

Articles.	1917-18.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Coin and Bullion	31,550	28,500	13,195	13,891	57,924	27,085
Meat and Fish (fresh and preserved)	76,612	150,487	209,540	381,720	225,917	262,566
Spirits, Beer, and Wine	187,555	231,494	265,181	288,865	268,499	277,661
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	246,939	562,311	575,563	631,901	709,636	672,741
Live Cattle, Sheep, Horses, and Pigs	32,358	186,212	227,971	314,654	243,450	272,900
Bacon, Hams, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, and Tinned Milk	755,600	939,738	1,009,554	1,018,945	1,113,810	1,011,445
Sugar	344,952	593,240	568,649	584,581	604,444	598,907
Wearing Apparel, Drapery, Piece Goods, Hats and Bonnets, Blankets, Boots and Shoes, Sewing Silks and Cottons	1,577,264	2,942,565	3,026,009	3,279,939	3,227,334	3,848,875
Timber, Cement, and Furniture	145,102	169,332	177,266	211,722	177,029	194,218
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	72,985	144,379	150,178	193,584	122,555	158,328
Oils	233,484	448,945	533,403	875,297	1,018,690	1,340,577
Rubber Goods	79,835	185,123	218,506	289,543	433,759	392,196
Machines, Machinery, Pumps, Apparatus for raising water, and Tools	355,865	887,751	1,341,481	1,560,721	1,639,254	1,984,094
Iron, Steel, Ironmongery, Metal and Metalware, Cutlery, Hardware, Nails, Screws, etc.	644,138	1,841,758	1,532,606	1,431,716	1,434,075	1,551,518
Vehicles and Parts	121,244	519,613	859,092	1,084,768	1,201,667	1,248,614
Wheat, Flour, Oats, Oatmeal, Malt, Bran and Pollard, Potatoes and Onions	142,817	152,610	158,612	149,077	178,349	150,651
Jams, Jellies, and Fruits	191,971	222,657	250,495	268,347	247,695	336,046
Tea	136,839	231,108	268,464	291,191	298,250	313,988
Coal and Coke	110,092	102,136	76,561	137,696	138,179	104,806
Paper, Books, and Stationery	227,328	352,555	368,854	395,310	398,185	422,157
Cyanide	92,209	49,665	54,432	25,475	42,467	31,102
Jewellery, Clocks and Watches, and Fancy Goods	101,959	137,167	130,263	136,696	150,455	173,250
Drugs, Chemicals, and Medicines	278,611	*606,827	*385,168	*404,193	*406,013	*486,531
All other Articles	1,461,924	2,091,506	1,943,102	2,101,203	2,124,936	2,515,809
Total	7,649,233	13,777,679	14,344,145	16,074,035	16,462,572	18,376,063

* Including fertilisers.

No. 22.—Value of the more important Products of Western Australian Origin exported, including Ships' Stores, and of the total Exports; also the total Production of Coal; during 1917-18, and each of the Five Years ended 30th June, 1923 to 1927, and after.

Articles.	1917-18.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	July-D ec 1927.
Gold-Specie	2,200,000	c2,218,887	c1,921,764	c516,140	852,930	735,663	104,800
†Gold, Uncoined	62,703	d 27,607	d 404,836	d 171,689	207,350	367,429	58,805
Wool ... { Quantity	10,682,022	41,923,043	43,875,108	35,015,746	49,689,088	53,787,555	37,153,943
... { Value	535,819	3,232,596	4,237,152	3,736,300	3,527,865	3,518,313	2,873,454
Timber	274,280	997,454	1,367,713	1,477,997	1,522,958	1,658,018	775,035
Hides and Skins	203,738	545,977	520,248	477,437	461,303	376,004	302,859
Pearls and Shell	174,050	252,578	337,349	285,562	289,433	255,751	† 123,637
Sandalwood	81,824	102,912	348,713	186,775	238,203	199,754	53,130
Tanning Bark	16,886	21,161	29,606	40,136	15,056	15,818	6,677
Copper (Ingot, Ore, and Matte)	60,412	51,245	55,518	31,804	2,659	73	31
Tin, Dressed and Ingot	55,132	9,080	18,770	14,635	11,740	13,987	5,999
Silver—Bar, Ingot, etc.	31,248	16,961	11,923	12,277	10,773	6,840	2,789
Silver Lead and Lead—Ore, Con- centrates, and Pig	120,979	73,199	54,076	93,310	92,849	54,755	3,412
Wheat ... { Quantity ... Cental	1,016,362	3,217,691	6,555,226	8,991,572	7,904,807	9,797,801	3,330,912
... { Value	437,709	1,471,100	2,542,626	5,158,020	4,186,714	4,667,095	1,544,905
Flour ... { Quantity ... Cental	1,161,371	1,197,450	1,584,343	1,508,132	1,841,942	1,860,580	770,228
... { Value	693,577	670,909	824,743	968,501	1,294,311	1,161,324	467,887
Mutton and Lamb... { Quantity ... lb.	114,820	865,510	445,926	...	...	...	227,261
... { Value	1,969	27,432	12,825	...	...	...	7,675
Beef ... { Quantity ... lb.	1,187,915	9,954,698	10,646,717	7,106,375	8,118,705	6,697,052	9,060,912
... { Value	17,929	152,349	135,938	99,052	120,117	99,025	112,225
Meat in tins ... { Quantity ... lb.	1,464	1,126	...	...	347,586	446,231	628,842
... { Value	46	69	...	...	9,273	11,268	12,633
Fruit, fresh... { Quantity ... Cental	30,697	175,871	136,877	164,975	148,548	244,901	31,477
... { Value	35,689	237,940	188,947	246,585	232,149	334,272	50,969
All other Articles	803,335	995,764	1,110,542	1,148,378	1,505,974	1,676,570	957,464
Total Exports	5,807,335	11,105,220	14,123,289	14,664,548	14,581,657	15,151,959	7,464,386
Coal ... { Mined ... Tons	331,378	425,086	422,057	440,482	438,137	492,134	248,500
... { Value	192,248	372,130	365,567	371,152	364,304	405,770	200,410
... { Bunkered a Tons	25,067	51,874	33,079	45,231	34,032	49,761	16,988

For TOTAL PRODUCTION OF GOLD see Table No. 31, p. 23.

† Exclusive of pearls.

c. Average value of
vergein during 1922-23, £1-0604; 1923-24, £1-0872; 1924-25, £1-0670.

d Average value of fine ounce
ring the year 1922-23, £4-5043; 1923-24, £4-6181; 1924-25, £4-5323.

a. Included in coal productio

No. 23.—Wool Exported from the several Western Australian Ports.

Year ended 30th June, 1927.

Ports.						Oversea.		Interstate.		Total.			
						Greasy.	Scoured.	Greasy.	Scoured.	Greasy.	Scoured.	Greasy.	Scoured.
						bales.	lb.	bales.	lb.	bales.	lb.	bales.	lb.
Fremantle	...	...	...	...	...	137,184	45,484,720	6,907	1,614,879	3,533	1,298,591	140,717	46,783,311
Albany	...	...	...	...	...	773	248,861	18	3,251	...	...	773	248,861
Broome	...	...	...	...	...	24	7,868	...	...	...	...	24	7,868
Bunbury	...	...	...	...	...	38	13,355	...	...	...	...	38	13,355
Carnarvon	...	...	...	...	...	3,090	1,174,606	94	21,173	...	...	3,090	1,174,606
Derby	...	...	...	...	...	1,029	390,695	67	16,698	...	...	1,029	390,695
Geraldton	...	...	...	...	...	4,526	1,619,545	3	845	...	...	4,526	1,619,545
Onslow	...	...	...	...	...	505	202,000	...	...	...	...	505	202,000
Port Hedland	...	...	...	...	...	3,947	1,616,634	...	...	...	...	3,947	1,616,634
Roebourne	...	...	...	...	...	193	73,834	...	...	...	...	193	73,834
Total {						151,309	50,832,118	7,089	1,656,846	3,533	1,298,591	154,842	52,130,709
						3,294,774		171,093		52,446	...	3,347,220	171,093
						Quantity		Value		...		£	

Six months ended 31st December, 1927.

Fremantle	...	...	...	...	...	95,326	31,098,766	1,672	370,501	1,530	576,412	...	...	96,856	31,675,178	1,672	370,501
Albany	...	...	...	...	...	342	99,645	...	...	...	...	...	...	342	99,645	...	...
Broome	...	...	...	...	...	28	7,488	4	750	...	...	...	...	28	7,488	4	750
Bunbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carnarvon	...	...	...	...	...	3,942	1,378,169	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,942	1,378,169	...	...
Derby	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	10,185	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	10,185
Geraldton	...	...	...	...	...	5,956	2,040,028	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,956	2,040,028	...	...
Onslow	...	...	...	...	...	731	270,317	...	...	...	...	...	...	731	270,317	...	...
Port Hedland	...	...	...	...	...	3,264	1,205,767	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,264	1,205,767	...	...
Roebourne	...	...	...	...	...	273	95,915	...	...	...	...	...	...	273	95,915	...	...
Total	...	{	Quantity	...	...	109,862	36,196,095	1,714	381,436	1,530	576,412	...	...	111,392	36,772,507	1,714	381,436
						2,801,128		46,941		25,385	...			2,826,513		46,941	
			Value	...	£												

No. 24.—Principal Exports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended 31st December, 1927*.

Articles.	OVERSEA.				INTERSTATE.						Total.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.			Value.				
	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Quantity.	Value.
I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.												
Butter lb.	...	...	£	£	...	392	...	£	£	£	392	£ 31
Butter Substitutes ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...
Cheese ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	6,100	1,626	...	...	161	7,726	467
Eggs in Shell doz.	65,255	...	4,207	...	410	...	...	18	...	...	65,665	4,225
" " Pulp lb.	...	...	...	...	40,000	...	...	2,250	...	...	40,000	2,250
Fish, all kinds ... .. "	...	...	877	...	...	...	...	613	...	126	...	1,616
Honey lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meats—Bacon and Ham ... .. "	...	...	...	...	150	5,346	...	8	331	...	5,496	339
Preserved by Cold Process—												
Beef "	9,060,912	...	112,225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,060,912	112,225
Game ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lamb and Mutton "	227,261	...	7,675	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	227,261	7,675
Pork ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Preserved in tins "	627,952	...	12,591	...	...	807	...	...	45	...	628,759	12,636
Sausage Casings cwt.	...	...	...	...	810	...	...	5,539	...	...	810	5,539
Pork, Salt, and Meat, N.E.I. ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Milk and Cream, in Powdered Form lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Condensed ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	3,904	...	...	161	...	3,904	161
II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN AND BEVERAGES, NON-ALCOHOLIC.												
Biscuits lb.	7,485	...	218	...	80,162	...	...	4,375	...	...	87,647	4,593
Confectionery "	12	...	1	...	220,969	146	224	15,501	12	12	221,351	15,526
Hay and Chaff cwt.	10,606	...	3,876	...	23,473	...	...	8,335	...	...	34,079	12,211
Oilcake, including Linseed Cake cntl.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fruits, Dried—Currants lb.	64,496	...	1,174	...	452,892	...	...	8,709	...	...	517,388	9,883
Dates ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raisins "	109,760	...	2,744	...	281,748	112	...	5,834	6	...	391,620	8,584
Other ... .. "	...	...	...	...	2,900	528	1,280	58	26	100	4,708	184
Fresh—Apples cntl.	5,388	...	7,726	...	17,455	...	...	27,133	...	...	22,843	34,859
Citrus "	2,520	...	3,751	...	2,538	...	...	3,788	...	...	5,058	7,539
Other "	204	...	529	...	1,585	...	...	5,313	...	...	1,789	5,842
Fruit and Vegetables, in Liquid ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	27	30	57
Grain and Pulse—Barley cntl.	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Beans and Peas ... .. "	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	...	...	3	4
Malze "	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Oats "	8,138	...	4,437	...	7	...	...	5	...	...	8,145	4,442
Wheat "	3,330,840	...	1,544,865	...	72	...	...	40	...	...	3,330,912	1,544,905
Other, Unprepared ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bran and Pollard "	103,527	...	26,344	...	30,987	...	...	8,099	...	...	124,514	34,443
Flour "	767,371	...	466,002	...	68	...	...	57	...	...	767,439	466,059
Oatmeal, etc. lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rice cntl.	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	7	...	5	7

Peas and Beans	lb.	112	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	21
Beans	lb.	594	...	27	...	1,160	...	...	41	68
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pickles and Sauces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	13	44
Vinegar	cwt.	...	...	...	...	65	...	123	...	123
Onions	...	41	...	47	...	20	...	11	...	58
Potatoes	...	217	...	151	...	8,194	...	5,624	...	5,775
Vinegar	gal.	36	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Aerated and Mineral Waters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cocoa and Chocolate	lb.	...	...	...	...	5,200	...	203	...	203
Coffee and Chicory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lime Juice and other Fruit Juices	gal.	4	...	2	...	36,160	...	7,128	...	7,130
Tea	lb.	...	60	...	5	...	1,340	...	120	125
III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUIDS.										
Ale and Beer, in Bottle	gal.	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " Bulk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brandy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gin, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whisky	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Spirits	...	...	42	...	...	...	344	...	48	454
Wine, Sparkling	gal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Other	...	10,021	...	3,168	...	735	52	284	75	10,808
IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.										
Tobacco, Manufactured	lb.	...	...	...	18,292	...	72	9,140	36	18,364
" Unmanufactured	...	...	...	...	961	...	...	121	...	961
Cigars	...	...	...	...	2,113	...	40	2,113	45	2,158
Cigarettes	...	...	...	...	5,339	...	...	5,339	...	5,339
V.—LIVE ANIMALS.										
Cattle	No.	5,592	...	16,021	86	...	...	897	...	5,678
Horses	...	3	...	860	...	1	...	...	300	4
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sheep	...	15,161	...	10,334	...	1	...	...	100	15,162
Other	...	...	...	257	...	...	...	332	...	...
VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.										
Bones, Hoofs, Horns	cwt.	...	...	650	...	...	...	...	...	650
Hides and Skins—Hides	No.	26,175	...	38,863	...	10,556	...	5,591	...	36,731
" Rabbit and Hare	lb.	71,336	...	6,172	...	28,169	...	2,215	...	99,505
" Sheep	No.	440,978	3,744,864	224,091	...	7,381	66,924	...	...	448,359
" Other	...	...	...	7,368	...	...	...	15,160	...	...
Pearlshell	cwt.	13,980	...	123,637	...	...	...	...	...	13,980
Tortoiseshell	lb.	1,516	...	1,171	...	...	...	...	...	1,516
Trochus Shell	cwt.	1,386	...	1,295	...	...	...	...	...	1,386
Bêche-de Mer	...	252	...	875	...	...	...	...	...	282
Wool, Greasy	lb.	36,196,095	...	2,801,128	...	576,412	...	25,385	...	36,772,507
" Scoured	...	381,436	...	46,941	...	...	...	...	...	381,436
VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.										
Bark, Tanning	cwt.	...	...	...	12,074	...	...	6,677	...	12,074
Copra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plants, Trees, and Bulbs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	...	...
Sandalwood	cwt.	35,836	...	53,130	...	...	...	...	...	35,836
Linseed	entl.	8	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	8

No. 24.—Principal Exports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended 31st December, 1927*—continued.

Articles.	OVERSEA.				INTERSTATE.						Total.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.			Value.				
	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Quantity.	Value.
VIII.—APPAREL, TEXTILES, ETC.												
Apparel and Soft Goods	£ 129	£ 31	...	...	...	£ 13,924	£ 23,708	£ 10,762	...	£ 48,554
Boots and Shoes	6,068	840	...	...	6,908
Hats and Caps	282	596	510	...	1,388
Umbrellas and Parasols
Jute Goods	20	1,018	...	1,038
Cordage and Twine
IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.												
Lard, Lard Oil, and Refined Fats lb.	224,954	...	...	3,615	...	...	224,954	3,615
Oil in vessels up to one gallon gal.
Oil in Bulk—Castor
Coconut
Cotton Seed
Essential	20,218	...	...	...	...	2,794	...	...	...	23,012
Cod, Seal, and Whale gal.	1,249,278	...	119,575	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,249,278	119,575
Kerosene	216	...	...	17	...	216
Olive	49	...	...	28	...	49
Other	100	...	100
Turpentine gal.
Stearine lb.
Tallow cwt.	13,895	...	23,141	...	660	...	...	1,031	...	...	14,555	24,172
Wax—Beeswax lb.
Paraffin	44,800	...	...	1,026	44,800	1,026
Other
X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.												
Paints and Varnishes	63	...	...	...	...	67	36	...	166
XI.—STONES AND MINERALS USED INDUSTRIALLY, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.												
Coal ton
Stone, including Marble and Slate
Concentrates—Copper cwt.	11	...	...	31	...	...	11	31
Silver and Silver Lead	4,235	...	2,806	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,235	2,806
Tin	55	...	355	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	355
Zinc
Other
Copper—Bar, Rod, Sheet, Plate, Pipe, Tubes
Ingots or contained in Matte
Blister
Iron and Steel, Pig and Scrap
Bar, Rod, Blooms, etc.	1,411	...	254	1,344	...	644	1,665	1,988
Pig or contained in Matte
Lead—Pig or contained in Matte
Ores—Copper	606	...	303	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	606	303
Manganese

Molybdenite ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pyrites ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scheelite ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver and Silver Lead ... ..	...	735	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	735	...	606
Tin ... ..	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	620	...	5,644
Other ... ..	...	318	...	...	...	...	618	...	...	...	375	...	2,858
Gold Uncolored ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	58,805
				50,016	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			

XII.—MACHINERY AND MANUFACTURES OF METALS.

Machinery, except Agricultural ... ..	...	...	402	1,204	...	...	...	...	2,845	7,838	4,856	...	17,145
„ Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viti- cultural ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138	12,332	...	12,470
Metals, Manufactures, Other ... ..	...	...	178	187	...	...	...	...	22,117	6,326	2,926	...	31,734
Iron and Steel, Galvanised, Plate and Sheet, in- cluding Corrugated not Galvanised ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	22	...	8	28	26	36
Lamps and Lampware ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	646	152	...	798
Railway Material ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tinned Plates and Sheet, (Plain) ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	11	12	11
Tools of Trade ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	118	130	...	233
Vehicles—Bicycles, etc. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	378	...	378
„ Other, and Parts ... ..	...	10	1,001	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,543	12,969	...	16,523
Zinc, Circles and Ingots ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	651	...	...	384	...	651	384
„ Sheets and Shavings ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	...	...	309	...	90	309

XIII.—RUBBER, LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.

Rubber Goods ... ..	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	1,118	3,144	...	4,807
Belting, all kinds ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	60	40	...	218
Leather ... ..	...	...	4,193	...	...	...	...	...	33,440	403	2	...	38,038
„ Manufactures ... ..	...	...	80	6	...	...	...	...	407	802	...	...	1,295

XIV.—WOOD, WICKER, CANE.

Furniture ... ..	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	121	7	16	...	174
Timber sup. ft.	50,000,600	5,100	538,077	1,374	27,749,721	...	...	...	235,584	...	...	77,755,421	775,035
Wicker, Cane, Bamboo Manufactures ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wood, Articles made of ... ..	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	500	2,205	...	...	2,725

XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS.

Cement, Portland ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	105	...	...	400	...	...	110	505	142
Earthenware, China, etc. ... ..	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	5,833	232	9	...	6,091
Glass and Glassware ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279	1,076	22	...	1,977

XVI.—PAPER, STATIONERY.

Paper—Other... .. ton	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	541	91	...	702
Books Printed, Music, Periodicals ... ..	...	...	404	...	...	...	...	...	22	754	30	...	1,210
Stationery, Manufactured ... ..	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	23	654	14	...	791
Pictures ... ..	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	101	62	50	...	233

XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, FANCY GOODS.

Fancy Goods ... ..	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	46	1,868	177	...	2,130
Jewellery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clocks and Watches ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	14

XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.

Photographic Goods and Materials ... ..	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	72
Instruments, other than Musical ... ..	...	...	239	105	...	...	...	...	...	669	3,164	...	4,177

No. 24.—Principal Exports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended 31st December, 1927*—continued.

Articles.	OVERSEA.				INTERSTATE.						Total.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.			Value.						
	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	West Australian Origin.	Other Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Quantity	Value.		
XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILISERS.														
Drugs, N.E.I.	£ 1,171	£ 66	...	...	...	£ 204	£ 449	£ 335	...	£ 2,225		
Acid, Tartaric cwt.		
Cream of Tartar "		
Manures—Ammonia Sulphate "		
Other, N.E.I. "		
Perfumery	2,198	80	649	...	2,927		
Salt, Rock cwt.		
Salt, N.E.I. "		
XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.														
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	22	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	67		
Bags, Baskets, Boxes	2	...	...	...	...	36	16	...	54		
Blacking and Dressings	77	...	...	...	77		
Blue, Laundry lb.		
Boats, Launches, and Yachts	80	...	...	...	80		
Brushware	6,645	111	...	...	6,756		
Candles lb.	116	...	...	6	...	116	6		
Musical Instruments—Pianos No.	2	8	...	248	868	10	1,116		
Other	41	...	...	...	...	255	39	...	335		
Matches and Vestas gr. bxs.	12	...	...	16	...	12	16		
Oilmen's Stores	35	...	...	...	...	1,534	414	147	...	2,130		
Personal and Household Effects	2,868	75	...	...	...	13,532	600	175	...	17,250		
Pitch, Tar, and Bitumen cwt.	5	...	...	...	...	28	13	33		
Soap lb.	413,940	...	5,633	...	...	412	18	5	68	3	414,370	5,704
XXI.—GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE.														
Specie, Gold	104,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104,800		
" Silver	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500		
" Bronze		
Silver—Bar, Rod, Matte oz.	24,433	17,211	...	2,789	2,192	...	41,644	4,981		
All other Articles	16,016	...	...	...	...	12,372	325	101	...	28,814		
Total*	6,431,373	4,391	...	...	...	570,869	60,384	57,855	...	7,124,872		
				6,435,764									689,108	

* Exclusive of Ship's Stores.

No. 25.—Exports, being Ships' Stores, during the Six months ended 31st December, 1927.

Articles.	OVERSEA.				INTERSTATE.				Total.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.		
Ale, Beer, Porter, etc. ... gal.	313	...	£ 117	...	8	...	£ 3	...	321	£ 120
Apparel ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Biscuits lb.	195	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	195	13
Brushware ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Butter lb.	10,822	...	1,098	...	1,826	...	178	...	12,648	1,276
Cheese	1,336	62	83	6	170	...	10	...	1,568	99
Coal (Bunker) ton	42,385	...	91,677	...	...	...	...	...	42,385	91,677
Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate lb.	18	271	3	22	28	...	2	...	317	27
Corlidge and Twine ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fish—Fresh lb.	51,920	...	2,060	...	2,445	...	104	...	54,365	2,164
Fish—Preserved	516	718	31	46	114	...	7	...	1,348	84
Fruits—Preserved	414	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	414	21
Fruits—Fresh cntl.	1,999	...	2,593	...	88	...	136	...	1,787	2,729
Fruits and Vegetables (in liquid, etc.) ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vegetables, Dried or Concentrated ... ..	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Vegetables, Fresh Grain and Pulse—	...	...	4,781	...	...	...	620	...	...	5,401
Beans and Peas cntl.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oats	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Wheat ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Barley, Pearl and Scotch lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bran, etc. cntl.	1,122	...	501	...	...	...	...	...	1,122	501
Flour, Wheaten	2,785	...	1,822	...	4	...	6	...	2,789	1,828
Rice ... ..	...	38	...	56	...	...	...	...	38	56
Hay and Chaff cwt.	2,549	...	1,024	...	...	...	...	...	2,549	1,024
Jams and Jellies lb.	3,209	...	108	...	432	...	8	...	3,641	116
Meats—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bacon and Hams, etc. ..	5,314	...	362	...	848	...	60	...	6,162	422
Fresh and Smoked	50,540	...	1,752	...	48,237	...	1,208	...	98,777	2,96 0
Frozen (other than Rabbits and Hares)	227,201	...	6,239	...	...	...	...	...	227,201	6,239
Rabbits and Hares	996	...	30	...	454	...	10	...	1,450	40
Potted and Concentrated ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Preserved in tins lb.	890	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	890	42
Other (including Salted) cwt.	5	...	24	...	57	...	236	...	62	260
Milk (Preserved) lb.	11,253	...	418	...	540	...	22	...	11,793	440
Oils gal.	...	12,992,146	...	211,954	...	...	...	...	12,992,146	211,954
Onions cwt.	50	...	41	...	16	...	10	...	66	51
Paints and Colours ... ..	...	6	...	22	...	...	...	...	6	22
Potatoes	3,499	...	2,244	...	294	...	168	...	3,793	2,412
Salt	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
Soap lb.	213	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	213	6
Spirits gal.	20	30	29	57	...	...	...	...	50	86
Sugar cwt.	36	2	51	2	6	...	12	...	44	65
Tea lb.	...	352	...	31	...	375	...	22	727	53
Tobacco	117	134	48	51	...	...	...	...	251	99
Cigars ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cigarettes	59	20	46	18	...	...	...	...	79	64
Wine—Sparkling gal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wine—Still	4,267	...	901	...	...	...	...	...	4,267	901
All other Articles ... ..	...	...	4,563	825	...	...	859	...	...	6,247
Total ... ..	...	...	122,743	213,090	...	...	3,659	22	...	339,514
			385,833				3,681			

No. 26.—Principal Imports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended
31st December, 1927.

Articles.	Oversea.		Interstate.				Total.	
	Quan- tity.	Value.	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
			Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Aus- tralian Origin.	Oversea Origin.		
I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.								
Butter lb.	130,648	£ 10,541	1,950,346	234,316	£ 175,350	£ 21,502	2,315,310	£ 207,303
Butter, Substitutes for ... ..	...	...	291,642	...	10,071	...	291,642	10,071
Cheese	39,030	3,239	733,772	2,631	37,929	291	775,433	41,459
Eggs in Shell doz.	544	32	11,175	...	1,085	...	11,719	1,117
Egg pulp lb.	...	...	23,100	...	1,255	...	23,100	1,255
Fish, all kinds ... ..	...	41,789	...	...	3,566	3,658	...	49,013
Honey lb.	...	...	71,128	...	1,827	...	71,128	1,827
Meats—Bacon and Ham	218	12	1,408,107	...	99,697	...	1,408,325	99,709
Meats—Preserved by Cold Process—								
Beef ... ..	...	...	22,537	...	386	...	22,537	386
Game ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mutton and Lamb ... ..	...	...	11,209	...	125	...	11,209	125
Pork ... ..	...	...	19,579	...	1,223	...	19,579	1,223
Poultry ... ..	...	...	7,018	...	642	...	7,018	642
Rabbits and Hares ... ..	...	...	26	...	2	...	26	2
Other ... ..	...	...	61,860	...	1,325	...	61,860	1,325
Meats—Preserved in tins	27,671	2,164	633,355	900	25,199	77	661,926	27,440
Sausage Casings cwt.	130	2,641	146	204	1,350	4,253	480	8,244
Pork, Salt, and Meats, N.E.I.	46	602	33	...	239	...	79	841
Milk and Cream—								
In Powdered Form lb.	...	...	265,288	...	11,310	...	265,288	11,310
Condensed	1,070	50	1,844,889	...	86,500	...	1,845,959	86,550
II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN, INCLUDING BEVERAGES NON-ALCOHOLIC.								
Biscuits lb.	32,209	2,178	211,517	...	10,901	...	243,726	13,079
Confectionery	70,015	6,895	1,092,248	...	103,248	...	1,160,263	110,143
Hay and Chaff cwt.	3	1	202	...	89	...	205	90
Oilcake, including Linseed								
Cake cntl.	...	...	4,041	...	2,441	...	4,041	2,441
Fruits, Dried—								
Currants lb.	106	5	78,900	...	2,107	...	79,006	2,112
Dates	310,346	3,046	...	4,436	...	102	314,782	3,148
Raisins ... ..	...	...	307,698	...	10,924	...	307,698	10,924
Other	93,318	1,800	114,192	103	4,772	6	207,613	6,578
Fruits, Fresh—								
Apples cntl.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bananas	12,815	11,881	212	...	316	...	13,027	12,197
Citrus ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other	24	20	79	...	140	...	103	160
Fruits, in liquid ... ..	...	1,388	...	...	20,345	8	...	21,741
Grain and Pulse—								
Barley cntl.	...	...	9,011	...	4,046	...	9,011	4,046
Beans and Peas	633	729	796	5	1,146	8	1,434	1,883
Maize	1	2	2,378	...	1,631	...	2,379	1,633
Oats	2	1	55	...	41	...	57	42
Wheat	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	2
Other, Unprepared	180	167	...	...	...	...	180	167
Bran and Pollard	5	3	...	...	...	...	5	3
Flour	135	81	22	...	17	...	157	98
Malt ... ..	...	...	13,366	...	13,398	...	13,366	13,398
Oatmeal, etc. lb.	4,058	91	970,690	...	12,711	...	974,748	12,802
Rice cntl.	1,580	1,800	9,364	1	9,961	2	10,945	11,763
Other, Prepared	1,020	809	4,799	1	6,396	7	5,820	7,212
Hops lb.	435	28	40,752	...	4,405	...	41,187	4,433
Jam and Jelly	11,172	431	2,243,755	...	69,806	...	2,254,927	70,237
Mustard	11,772	1,413	3,138	...	287	...	14,910	1,700
Pickles and Sauces ... ..	...	2,673	...	...	32,139	345	...	35,157
Sugar cwt.	35	30	164,778	...	306,680	...	164,813	306,710
Onions	18	14	16,721	...	4,678	...	16,739	4,692
Potatoes	36	42	57,961	...	25,917	...	57,997	25,959
Vinegar gal.	3,651	983	7,025	...	1,129	...	10,676	2,112
Vegetables in liquid ... ..	...	3,946	...	...	2,995	187	...	7,128
Aerated and Mineral Waters ... ..	...	181	...	...	867	51	...	1,099
Oocoa and Chocolate lb.	70,683	2,485	41,157	2,240	2,417	81	114,080	4,983
Coffee and Chicory	148,734	5,355	88,305	5,188	5,825	346	242,227	11,526
Lime Juice and other Fruit								
Juices gal.	1,495	326	8,074	...	3,867	...	9,569	4,193
Tea lb.	425,751	31,503	...	1,005,270	...	112,317	1,431,021	143,820
III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUIDS.								
Ale and Beer, in Bottle ... gal.	13,478	5,330	58,415	...	18,256	...	71,893	23,586
" " in Bulk ... ..	...	...	6,156	...	1,398	...	6,156	1,398
Brandy	1,144	1,486	11,095	38	6,996	64	12,277	8,546
Gin, including Schnapps	4,807	3,123	572	1,198	232	1,838	6,577	5,193
Rum	1,142	603	776	31	332	25	1,949	960
Whisky	33,650	40,820	6,774	7,593	5,185	11,160	48,017	57,165
Other Spirits ... ..	...	10,633	...	...	9,214	429	...	20,276
Wine, Sparkling gal.	680	1,585	618	26	1,394	80	1,324	3,059
" Other	1,437	808	105,771	64	45,131	52	107,272	45,991

No. 26.—Principal Imports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended
31st December, 1927—continued.

Articles.	Oversea.		Interstate.				Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
			Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Aus- tralian Origin.	Oversea Origin.		
IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.		£			£	£		£
Tobacco, Manufactured ... lb.	2,394	611	550,714	4,130	190,052	1,784	557,238	192,447
" Unmanufactured ... "	93,509	6,621	...	...	...	...	93,509	6,621
Cigars ... "	2,043	2,309	7,004	137	9,310	153	9,184	11,772
Cigarettes ... "	27,336	14,334	171,379	2,347	133,395	1,303	201,062	149,032
Snuff ... "	172	79	...	...	...	...	172	79
V.—LIVE ANIMALS.								
Cattle ... No.	...	...	37	...	450	...	37	450
Horses ... "	9	9,075	896	3	31,523	800	908	41,398
Pigs ... "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sheep ... "	...	...	54,373	...	100,272	...	54,373	100,272
Other ... "	...	336	...	...	241	...	...	577
VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.								
Bones, Hoofs, Horns ... cwt.	...	65	...	...	...	...	...	65
Hides and Skins—Hides ... No.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rabbit and lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hare ... "	...	...	3,192	...	367	...	3,192	367
Other ... "	...	...	...	...	177	...	...	177
Wool, Greasy ... lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wool, Scoured ... "	615	65	13,898	...	922	...	14,513	987
VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.								
Bark, Tanning ... cwt.	...	...	1,474	...	1,089	...	1,474	1,089
Tanning Extracts ... "	...	3,484	...	...	269	184	...	3,937
Copra ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plants, Trees, and Bulbs ... "	...	152	...	...	2,348	...	...	2,500
Linseed ... cntl.	340	301	39	...	46	...	379	347
Starch ... lb.	3,307	118	173,078	315	5,604	15	176,700	5,737
VIII.—APPAREL, TEXTILES, ETC.								
Apparel and Soft Goods ... "	...	695,546	...	...	475,812	70,351	...	1,241,709
Boots and Shoes ... "	...	12,364	...	...	234,072	192	...	246,628
Hats and Caps ... "	...	13,167	...	...	55,537	5,280	...	73,984
Umbrellas, Parasols ... "	...	925	...	...	4,537	...	...	5,462
Jute Goods ... "	...	696,902	...	...	714	9,081	...	706,697
Ordage and Twine ... "	...	29,608	...	...	6,935	15,101	...	51,644
IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.								
Lard, Lard Oils, and Refined								
Fats ... lb.	108	6	207,770	...	9,111	...	207,878	9,117
Oils, in vessels up to one gallon ... "	...	4,374	...	...	2,137	30	...	6,541
Oils, in Bulk—Castor ... gal.	3,170	734	5,488	192	1,483	66	8,850	2,283
Cocoanut ... "	...	...	9,441	...	1,977	...	9,441	1,977
Cotton Seed ... "	3,183	579	1,000	...	339	...	4,183	918
Essential ... "	...	4,079	...	...	707	...	...	4,786
Kerosene ... gal.	2,385,194	70,905	...	...	...	...	2,385,194	70,905
Olive ... "	879	470	1,092	340	1,128	296	2,311	1,894
Other ... "	...	420,284	...	...	8,727	8,041	...	437,052
Turpentine ... gal.	11,709	2,467	8	...	4	...	11,717	2,471
Stearine ... lb.	...	...	81,155	...	2,456	...	81,155	2,456
Tallow ... cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wax—Beeswax ... lb.	1,168	111	...	...	...	...	1,168	111
Paraffin ... "	156,900	2,441	...	1,316	...	41	158,216	2,482
Other ... "	5,423	145	...	...	...	...	5,423	145
X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.								
Paints, Colours, and Varnishes ... "	...	12,282	...	...	30,844	684	...	43,810
XI.—STONE AND MINERALS, USED INDUSTRIALLY, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES.								
Coal ... ton	...	...	25,513	...	44,037	...	25,513	44,037
Ooke ... "	597	1,080	31	...	86	...	628	1,166
Stone, including Marble and								
Slate ... "	...	4,715	...	...	441	415	...	5,571
Copper—Bar, Rod, Sheet, Plates,								
Pipes, Tubes ... cwt.	934	3,985	1,733	17	9,718	134	2,684	13,837
Copper Ingots and contained in								
Matte ... "	...	...	10	...	65	...	10	65
Iron and Steel—								
Pig and Scrap ... "	17,260	4,958	5,456	...	1,499	...	22,716	6,457
Bar, Rod, Blooms ... "	66,387	41,135	45,458	261	34,057	305	112,106	75,497
Lead—Pig, or contained in								
Matte ... "	...	...	406	...	529	...	406	529
Ores, exclusive of Gold ... "	2,835	3,201	379	...	93	...	3,214	3,294
Quicksilver ... lb.	1,173	478	...	...	...	...	1,173	478
Tin Ingots ... cwt.	5	80	383	...	6,176	...	388	6,256
Gold Uncoined ... "	...	111	...	...	...	...	...	111

No. 26.—Principal Imports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended
31st December, 1927—continued.

Articles.	Oversea.		Interstate.				Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
			Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.		
		£			£	£		£
XII.—MACHINES, MACHINERY, AND MANUFACTURES OF METAL.								
Machines and Machinery, except Agricultural ... ..	...	389,590	...	...	66,109	37,609	...	493,308
Implements, Machinery—Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural ... ..	...	69,357	...	...	436,596	21,616	...	527,569
Metals—Manufactures of ... ..	...	245,575	...	...	174,926	8,103	...	428,604
Iron and Steel—Galvanised, Plate and Sheet, including Corrugated, not Galvanised... cwt.	118,073	136,823	420	495	510	690	118,988	138,023
Lamps and Lampware ... ..	...	16,816	...	...	1,681	485	...	18,982
Lead, Sheet and Pipe ... cwt.	302	504	2,937	...	5,199	...	3,239	5,703
Railway Material ... ..	...	58,915	...	...	5,245	...	...	64,160
Tinned Plates and Sheet (Plain) cwt.	9,663	9,926	...	71	...	142	9,734	10,068
Tools of Trade ... ..	...	48,327	...	...	2,666	278	...	51,271
Vehicles—Bicycles, etc. ... ..	...	51,763	...	...	1,301	496	...	53,560
„ Other and Parts ... ..	...	383,293	...	...	73,520	24,006	...	480,819
Aircraft, Parts and Fittings ... ..	...	1,455	...	...	...	...	...	1,455
Zinc Circles and Ingots ... ..	...	1,355	...	...	3,284	...	...	4,639
„ Sheets cwt.	1,007	2,222	216	...	363	...	1,223	2,585
XIII.—RUBBER, LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.								
Rubber Goods ... ..	...	52,947	...	...	147,922	7,187	...	208,056
Belting, all kinds ... ..	...	4,595	...	...	3,957	185	...	8,737
Leather ... ..	...	1,197	...	...	46,407	139	...	47,743
„ Manufactures ... ..	...	1,988	...	...	9,230	206	...	11,424
XIV.—WOOD, WICKER, CANE.								
Furniture ... ..	...	7,372	...	...	18,339	651	...	26,362
Timber ... ..	...	52,663	...	...	27,499	6,622	...	86,784
Wicker, Bamboo, Cane Manufactures ... ..	...	1,591	...	...	61	...	...	1,652
Wood, Articles made of ... ..	...	9,908	...	...	14,296	114	...	24,318
XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS.								
Cement (Portland) cwt.	48,928	7,045	...	...	...	...	48,928	7,045
Earthenware, China, etc. ... ..	...	37,575	...	...	4,614	891	...	43,080
Glass and Glassware ... ..	...	28,478	...	...	14,371	273	...	43,122
XVI.—PAPER, STATIONERY.								
Paper, Printing ton	2,678	49,501	11	5	573	290	2,694	50,364
„ Other ... ..	...	38,312	...	...	7,740	805	...	46,857
Books printed, Music, Periodicals ... ..	...	39,511	...	...	8,798	2,286	...	50,595
Stationery, Manufactured ... ..	...	30,047	...	...	44,409	737	...	75,193
Pictures ... ..	...	659	...	...	506	85	...	1,250
XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, FANCY GOODS.								
Fancy Goods ... ..	...	33,708	...	...	19,457	3,584	...	56,749
Jewellery ... ..	...	2,837	...	...	147	271	...	3,255
Pipes, Cigar, and Cigarette Holders ... ..	...	6,337	...	...	...	10	...	6,347
Clocks and Watches ... ..	...	19,090	...	...	...	1,253	...	20,343
XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.								
Photographic Goods and Material ... ..	...	2,239	...	...	5,404	3,111	...	10,754
Instruments, other than Musical ... ..	...	29,787	...	...	29,834	25,084	...	84,705
XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILISERS.								
Drugs, N.E.I. ... ..	...	38,448	...	...	77,131	6,817	...	122,396
Acid, Tartaric cwt.	118	887	...	1	...	17	119	904
Cream of Tartar lb.	134,316	6,487	...	672	...	41	134,988	6,528

No. 26.—Principal Imports, Oversea and Interstate, during the Six months ended
31st December, 1927—continued.

Articles.	Oversea.		Interstate.				Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
			Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.	Australian Origin.	Oversea Origin.		
XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILISERS—continued.		£			£	£		£
Manures—								
Ammonium Sulphate ... cwt.	500	289	22,598	...	19,818	...	23,098	20,107
Rock Phosphate ... "	1,180,780	85,597	...	...	...	...	1,180,780	85,597
Sodium Nitrate ... "	28,120	12,938	...	...	...	...	28,120	12,938
Superphosphates ... "	...	...	9	...	3	...	9	3
Other, N.E.I., including Bonedust ... "	6,623	2,921	10,215	228	4,995	529	17,066	8,445
Perfumery ... "	...	14,386	...	...	16,905	4,981	...	36,272
Salt, Rock ... cwt.	2,541	326	...	...	...	...	2,541	326
" N.E.I. ... "	1,128	207	12,213	...	2,747	...	12,341	2,954
XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.								
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives ...	...	34,285	...	...	7,971	1,480	...	43,736
Bags, Baskets, Boxes ...	...	13,579	...	...	6,455	64	...	20,098
Blacking and Dressings ...	...	1,795	...	...	15,965	398	...	18,158
Blue, Laundry ... lb.	...	...	36,872	...	2,816	...	36,872	2,816
Boats, Launches, and Yachts ...	...	17,382	...	...	...	...	...	17,382
Brushware ...	...	10,658	...	...	6,761	2,324	...	19,743
Candles ... lb.	2,635	120	3,357	...	284	...	5,992	404
Instruments, Musical, N.E.I. ...	...	7,445	...	...	751	125	...	8,321
Pianos ... No.	558	30,661	133	87	11,581	6,616	778	48,558
Matches and Vestas ... gr. bx.	66,700	9,804	25,102	...	7,539	...	91,802	17,343
Oilmen's Stores ...	...	5,844	...	...	36,788	1,688	...	44,320
Infants' Foods ...	...	1,924	...	...	9,666	147	...	11,737
Personal and Household Effects ...	...	9,550	...	...	9,141	90	...	18,781
Pitch, Tar, and Bitumen ... cwt.	71,043	17,360	6,512	40	3,370	70	77,595	20,800
Soap ... lb.	17,103	2,404	676,895	4,180	28,737	462	698,178	31,603
XXI.—GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE.								
Specie—Gold ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronze ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver—Bar, Rod, Matte ... oz.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other Articles ...	...	186,514	...	...	92,081	6,477	...	285,072
Total Imports ... £	...	4,655,478	...	...	4,158,616	450,680	...	9,264,774
					4,609,296			

No. 27.—Value of Imports and Exports, Oversea and Interstate, at the Several Ports of Western Australia during the undermentioned periods.

Ports, etc.	Year ended 30th June, 1927.		Six months ended 31st December, 1927.					
	Value of Trade.		Value of Imports.			Value of Exports.*		
	Imports.	Exports.*	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fremantle ... }	17,236,445	10,974,886	4,403,900	4,136,410	8,545,310	4,980,502	429,688	5,416,190
Perth ... }								
Albany ...	257,833	321,616	68,171	121,644	189,815	35,014	24,989	60,003
Broome ...	39,948	245,998	15,727	1,686	17,413	114,970	...	114,970
Bunbury ...	80,839	1,754,324	22,269	11,828	34,097	924,445	177,299	1,101,744
Busselton ...	184	333,749	501	...	501	36,468	54,809	91,277
Carnarvon ...	34,708	197,903	12,039	4,804	16,843	200,558	...	200,558
Derby ...	1,027	20,510	106	248	354	3,412	...	3,412
Esperance ...	905	47,672	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geraldton ...	114,396	959,252	123,371	27,009	150,380	189,315	58	189,373
Oslow ...	4,199	9,829	1,291	438	1,729	18,130	...	18,130
Port Hedland ...	3,692	108,921	1,583	181	1,764	84,444	...	84,444
Roebourne ...	1,301	16,233	679	35	714	14,508	...	14,508
Wyndham ...	42,798	158,728	841	2,899	3,740	163,831	3,735	167,566
Other Ports ...	...	...	...	635	635	...	...	...
Overland by Rail ...	557,788	2,338	...	301,479	301,479	...	2,211	2,211
Total ¹ ...	18,376,063	15,151,959	4,655,478	4,609,296	9,264,774	6,771,597	692,789	7,464,386

* Including Ships' Stores.

VII.—LAND SETTLEMENT.

No. 28.—Land Settlement as on the 31st December, 1927.

Particulars.	Area.	Area.
I.—ABSOLUTELY ALIENATED :— Area sold by public auction or other forms of direct sale or otherwise alienated up to 30th June, 1927	acres. ...	acres. 12,571,534
II.—IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1927 :— Midland Railway Concessions in process of alienation Free Homestead Farms Conditional Purchases Selections from late W.A. Land Company Selections under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act Special Occupation Leases and Licenses Homestead or Grazing Leases Poison Land Leases and Licenses Village Allotments	54,800 914,390 7,247,224 5,596 537,164 300 11,242,520 27,671 7	20,029,672
Total area alienated or in process of alienation on the 31st December, 1927 ...	...	32,601,206
III.—LEASES OR LICENSES IN FORCE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1927 :— Issued by Lands Department— Pastoral Leases Special Leases Leases of Reserves Residential Lots Issued by Mines Department— Gold Mining Leases*... .. Mineral Leases† Miners' Homestead Leases Issued by Forestry Department— Timber Leases and Concessions Timber Permits	230,743,985 42,694 2,211,072 7,055 6,253 47,133 32,258 432,606 a1,384,664	234,907,720 357,079,874
IV.—AREA NEITHER ALIENATED, IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, NOR LEASED ... ..	...	624,588,800
Total Area of Western Australia ... ..	...	624,588,800

* Inclusive of 6 acres on "Private Property."

† Inclusive of 253 acres on "Private Property."

a Including 50,662 acres of Firewood Permits, but exclusive of Miscellaneous Permits for Forest Produce.

No. 29.—Principal Crown Lands Transactions.—Area of Crown Lands for which Applications have been approved by the Lands Department from 1917.

Period.	Conditional Alienation.						Leases and Licenses.			
	Condi- tional Pur- chases.	Free Home- stead Farms.	Grazing Leases.	Selec- tions, Land Purchase Act.	Town Lots.	Total.	Pastoral Leases and Licenses.	Special Leases.	Miscel- laneous Leases.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1917	120,888	17,855	226,868	79	626	366,316	11,852,859	152,112	276	12,005,247
1922	698,582	98,208	1,048,654	54,731	4,501	1,904,676	9,992,881	269,415	...	10,262,296
1923	761,948	107,222	943,917	47,813	1,869	1,862,769	18,212,839	18,299	...	18,231,138
1924	429,337	76,794	1,097,434	15,057	2,439	1,621,061	22,112,164	61,473	...	22,173,637
1925	344,806	112,944	1,204,730	7,100	1,824	1,671,404	15,358,284	37,706	...	15,395,990
1926	419,734	99,141	1,695,932	44,044	1,432	2,260,283	10,377,848	15,965	...	10,393,813
1927—										
Nine months	273,720	61,424	1,382,233	10,322	885	1,728,584	6,190,102	104,005	...	6,294,107
October ...	19,723	4,320	139,250	341	16	163,650	1,666,355	575	...	1,666,930
November ...	9,473	3,828	114,248	...	163	127,712	1,549,141	1,580	...	1,550,721
December ...	15,031	6,756	149,284	...	365	171,436	472,744	...	...	472,744

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

No. 30.—Estimated value of Western Australian Production, 1917 to 1926.

Year.*	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry, and Bee-Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufac- turing.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1917	4,256,551	4,479,482	665,963	916,741	4,629,027	2,516,920	17,464,684
1918	4,757,763	4,544,144	698,038	1,081,537	4,265,577	2,522,299	17,889,358
1919	9,066,281	4,614,546	843,719	1,363,972	3,561,204	2,946,972	22,396,6940
1920	8,732,984	4,379,849	1,032,507	1,850,270	3,259,411	3,721,639	22,976,66
1921	6,926,532	3,886,199	1,132,257	1,937,153	2,880,169	3,698,923	20,461,233
1922	6,495,948	5,117,314	1,174,851	2,119,968	2,801,628	4,103,526	21,813,233
1923	7,537,964	6,275,049	1,241,422	2,256,237	2,657,950	4,720,637	24,689,259
1924	11,183,727	6,263,772	1,362,914	2,582,101	2,581,162	5,254,907	29,228,583
1925	9,754,956	5,483,113	§ 1,717,831	† 3,993,226	‡ 2,521,426	17,335,166	30,805,718
1926	11,803,584	5,378,815	1,643,863	a	‡ 2,480,471	a	a

* In the case of Agricultural Production, seasons ended last day of February in following year.

† For period of 18 months ended 30th June, 1926.

‡ Including Quarries.

§ Part Dairying over period of 18

mo ths. a Not yet available.

IX.—GOLD MINING STATISTICS.

No. 31.—Annual Gold Production of Western Australia from 1886, comprising Raw Gold entered for Export, plus Raw Gold received at the Perth Branch of the Royal Mint (from May, 1899) ; also amounts of Dividends paid.

Period.	Quantity of Raw Gold.			Value.	Dividends Paid.
	Exported Direct.	Received at Perth Mint.	Total.		
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	£	£
Prior to 1922	10,956,921	23,345,201	34,302,122	145,706,152	28,160,705
1922	5,320	532,926	538,246	2,286,325	191,251
1923	5,934	498,578	504,512	2,143,028	73,750
1924	2,585	482,450	485,035	2,060,298	124,771
1925	3,911	437,341	441,252	1,874,320	55,224
1926	3,188	434,155	437,343	1,857,716	61,479
1886 to 31st December, 1926 ...	10,977,859	25,730,651	36,708,510	155,927,839	28,667,180
January, 1927 ... ..	...	27,024	27,024	114,792	12,500
February, 1927	185	31,168	31,353	133,179	...
March, 1927	426	29,810	30,236	128,434	...
April	295	36,431	36,726	156,003	...
May	187	33,019	33,206	141,049	...
June	360	36,621	36,981	157,084	...
July	154	31,291	31,445	133,569	18,750
Aug.	255	38,492	38,747	164,588	...
Sept.	638	34,341	34,979	148,583	...
October	231	35,948	36,179	153,680	...
November	458	32,176	32,634	138,620	...
December	169	38,673	38,842	164,990	...
Year, 1927	3,358	404,994	408,352	1,734,571	31,250
From 1886 to 31st Dec., 1927	10,981,217	26,135,645	37,116,862	157,662,410*	28,698,430

*In accordance with prices realised by the Australian Gold Producers' Association on the export sales of gold from 1920 to 1924, the value of the gold production may be increased for total to end of 1927 to £160,252,012.

No. 32.—Monthly Gold Production of Western Australia, being Export of Gold plus Gold received at the Perth Branch of the Royal Mint, from 1917.

Month.	1917.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.
January	85,718	38,182	41,916	37,458	31,234	29,302	27,024
February	83,704	42,121	39,117	43,135	32,483	34,685	31,353
March	76,599	42,843	36,021	36,300	32,097	30,628	30,236
April	82,143	46,394	41,653	45,088	39,615	43,695	36,726
May	79,435	39,726	35,869	40,337	34,774	35,438	33,206
June	82,869	49,295	44,664	47,170	39,503	39,683	36,981
July	81,550	43,141	41,346	35,959	34,576	35,116	31,445
August	81,071	49,690	48,459	41,582	44,132	40,893	38,747
September	81,761	46,398	46,272	38,691	34,839	33,144	34,979
October	73,901	49,309	50,724	41,407	38,663	41,717	36,179
November	80,641	46,554	32,704	33,319	35,099	32,210	32,634
December	80,925	44,593	45,767	44,589	44,237	40,832	38,842
Total	970,317	538,246	504,512	485,035	441,252	437,343	408,352

X.—LIVE STOCK AND WOOL-CLIP.

No. 33.—Number of Live Stock in Western Australia on the 31st December, 1917 to 1926, and Wool-clip during each Year.

Year.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Goats.	Camels.	Mules and Donkeys.	Wool-clip.	Wool Exported on skins.
								lbs.	lbs.
1917 ...	178,151	927,086	6,384,191	111,844	33,786	5,808	5,766	38,294,093	1,407,264
1922 ...	181,150	939,596	6,664,135	67,561	32,337	6,473	10,072	38,592,931	5,546,207
1923 ...	181,944	953,764	6,595,867	61,478	30,824	6,122	10,609	42,815,005	5,240,388
1924 ...	175,116	891,564	6,396,564	66,375	24,542	6,045	10,115	39,526,344	3,780,698
1925 ...	170,563	835,911	6,861,795	74,316	21,596	5,594	10,315	44,009,161	3,538,619
1926 ...	166,463	827,303	7,458,766	69,798	20,979	5,021	9,442	50,235,640	4,168,051

* Figures revised from previous issue.

XI.—AGRICULTURE.

No. 34.—Cropping, Clearing, etc., 1917-1918 to 1926-1927.

Season ended last day of February.	Land Cropped, Cleared, etc.						Total.
	Under Crop.	Under artificially-sown grasses.	Newly cleared and prepared for next crops.	In fallow.	Other, previously cropped, now used for grazing, etc.	Ringbarked or partially cleared.	
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1918	1,679,772	11,760	115,862	662,534	1,706,230	3,411,653	7,587,820
1923	2,274,998	25,377	382,994	977,522	2,125,459	2,518,882	8,305,232
1924	2,323,070	38,022	408,156	1,232,030	2,234,820	2,660,106	8,896,204
1925	2,710,856	60,257	410,599	1,353,522	2,215,500	2,349,199	9,099,933
1926	2,932,110	89,170	460,021	1,594,581	2,417,072	2,264,235	9,757,189
1927	3,324,523	128,751	527,474	1,677,372	2,592,887	2,223,165	10,474,172

No. 35.—Areas under various kinds of Crops in Western Australia, 1917-1918 to 1926-1927.

Season ended last day of February.	Grain Crops.				Hay of all kinds.	Potatoes.	Vineyards.	Orchards.	Other Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Other.					
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1918	1,249,762	95,666	5,028	919	265,899	4,484	2,996	21,137	33,881
1923	1,552,868	214,269	9,243	1,685	431,633	3,621	4,858	19,405	37,416
1924	1,656,915	241,608	8,673	1,863	329,534	4,761	5,235	18,781	55,700
1925	1,867,614	318,982	11,606	2,783	397,591	5,122	5,331	18,525	83,302
1926	2,112,032	278,344	13,306	4,255	391,142	4,262	5,270	18,358	105,141
1927	2,571,187	234,826	13,826	3,356	358,487	5,144	5,274	18,512	113,911
Forecast, Season 1927-28 † ...	2,812,308	260,557	17,695	...	* 492,621				

* Wheat, Oats and Barley Hay.

† Revised Estimates.

No. 36.—Yield of Principal Crops and quantity of Wine made, 1916-1917 to 1926-1927.

Season ended last day of February.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay of all kinds.	Potatoes.	Wine.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.			
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.
1918	9,303,787	908,592	35,761	267,163	11,320	156,532
1923	13,857,432	2,261,863	107,804	457,371	15,198	232,347
1924	18,920,271	2,846,670	97,779	368,122	17,830	233,196
1925	23,887,397	4,241,074	177,537	448,525	19,891	223,761
1926	20,471,177	2,939,380	158,300	355,269	16,052	238,728
1927	30,021,616	2,716,436	128,136	423,839	17,755	291,951
Forecast, Season 1927-28 † ...	34,580,906	3,844,381	247,353	* 563,626		

* Wheat, Oats and Barley Hay.

† Revised Estimates.

No. 37.—Average Yield per Acre of Principal Crops, 1916-1917 to 1926-1927.

Season ended last day of February.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay of all kinds.	Potatoes.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.		
	bush.	bush.	bush.	tons.	tons.
1918	7.44	9.50	7.11	1.00	2.52
1923	8.92	10.56	11.66	1.06	4.20
1924	11.42	11.78	11.27	1.12	3.74
1925	12.79	13.30	15.30	1.13	3.88
1926	9.69	10.56	11.90	0.91	3.77
1927	11.68	11.57	9.27	1.18	3.45
Forecast, Season 1927-28 † ...	12.30	14.75	13.98	* 1.14	

* Wheat, Oats and Barley Hay

† Revised Estimates.

XII.—INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

(Exclusive of Mines.)

No. 38.—Output of the principal Articles manufactured in Industrial Establishments of Western Australia, 1916 to 1925-26.

Articles, etc., Produced or Treated.					1916.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	Period of 18 months ended 30th June, 1926.
Hides tanned	...	...	...	No.	27,405	39,277	42,823	48,285	58,159	78,897
Skins tanned	...	...	...	"	9,722	31,473	28,653	9,591	5,852	2,855
Leather produced	...	...	...	lbs.	1,084,838	1,496,258	1,558,074	1,817,044	2,181,093	2,951,512
Bricks	...	...	...	No.	18,584,997	23,548,175	28,508,955	34,863,747	34,929,673	53,720,871
Lime burned	...	...	...	tons.	9,618	8,298	9,808	10,744	9,231	11,402
Timber sawn or hewn ^a	...	...	...	sup. ft.	100,356,217	183,663,021	179,059,276	192,546,878	207,136,805	328,934,558
Confectionery	...	...	...	lbs.	1,798,041	2,511,548	2,820,629	3,428,116	3,824,004	6,104,151
Jam	...	...	...	"	<i>b</i>	418,927	370,800	412,653	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
Pickles	...	...	...	pints	88,068	56,024	122,092	156,272	160,028	128,288
Sauce	...	...	...	"	336,471	199,368	177,059	212,572	179,028	316,790
Vinegar	...	...	...	"	132,913	<i>b</i>	807,344	1,106,920	1,058,248	1,450,880
Wheat ground	...	...	...	bush.	3,515,278	3,857,504	4,479,700	5,115,146	5,902,120	9,011,518
Flour made	...	...	...	tons	70,912	82,148	94,316	107,990	122,192	190,369
Aerated Waters	...	...	...	doz.	941,947	876,786	872,935	835,024	845,588	1,201,611
Cordials	...	...	...	"	55,258	<i>c</i> 107,696	<i>c</i> 109,196	108,968	95,901	82,154
Beer and Stout	...	...	...	gall.	5,298,607	5,531,954	4,988,140	4,892,900	5,195,998	7,592,900
Tobacco made	...	...	...	lbs.	<i>e</i> 9,086	1,485	1,035	780	9,960	12,349
Cigarettes made	...	...	...	No.	<i>b</i>	...	...	34,212,000	34,800,000	39,924,000
Do.	...	...	...	lbs.	...	...	...	72,550	73,557	82,490
Cigars made	...	...	...	No.	<i>f</i>	...	...	...	1,360,450	2,381,950
Do.	...	...	...	lbs.	...	...	...	...	14,615	25,682
Boots and Shoes	...	...	...	pairs	217,266	229,582	314,686	315,578	344,476	449,603
Electric Light used	...	...	...	Brit. Units	7,435,194	11,080,096	12,416,180	15,213,454	18,002,698	27,091,910
do. Power "	...	...	...	"	19,507,716	25,005,598	28,140,706	32,759,086	37,437,188	72,761,462
Gas manufactured	...	...	...	cub. ft.	141,351,100	202,088,400	182,379,500	204,447,400	217,116,500	373,854,300
Value, Total Industrial Production <i>d</i> ...				£	3,146,866	5,239,546	5,789,786	6,128,575	6,958,472	<i>g</i> 9,611,113

^a Including the following quantities (in super. feet):—Hewn outside Industrial Establishments for the Railway Department, Exporters, Coal and Gold Mines, etc., 1916, 10,353; 1920, 6,662,144; 1921, 19,672,258; 1922, 29,470,578; 1923, 30,251,419; 1924, 17,229,019; 1925-26, 57,270,498. ^b Not available. ^c Including Hop and "Spot" Lager Beers. ^d Added value, being the total value of output of all industrial establishments *minus* the values of raw material and fuel, etc. The figures are different from those shown in Table No. 30 on page 22 under "Manufacturing," as, under the classification there adopted, several items annually collected from "Industrial Establishments" come under other headings. ^e Including Cigars. ^f Included with Tobacco. ^g Previous to 1925/26 a supplementary Class XX. was included, which has been excluded in the latter period.

XIII.—RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENT.

METROPOLITAN AREA, OUTPORTS, AND AGRICULTURAL TOWNS.

No. 39.—Average Retail Prices, Sept., 1927, and Dec., 1927.

Comparison of Metropolitan Area Retail Prices in September and December, 1927, with Perth Retail Prices in July, 1914.

Commodities.	Perth Prices, July, 1914.	Sept., 1927.		Dec., 1927.		Index Numbers representing varia- tions in the cost of food and groceries in the undermentioned towns for the quarter ended Dec., 1927, with weighted average for six capital towns in 1911 as base = 1000.	
		(a.) Metro- politan Area.	Percentage Increase as compared with July, 1914.	(a.) Metro- politan Area.	Percentage Increase as compared with July, 1914.		
GROCERIES.						Town.	Index No.
Flour—Ordinary ... 25lbs.	s. d.	s. d.	74.42	s. d.	75.19	Metropolitan Area ...	1773
Tea ... lb.	1 4	2 0½	51.56	2 0½	53.12	Albany ...	1994
Coffee ... "	1 6½	1 9½	17.81	1 10½	24.66	Bridgetown ...	2068
Sugar ... "	0 2½	0 4½	63.63	0 4½	63.63	Bunbury ...	1982
Rice ... "	0 3	0 3½	16.67	0 3½	16.67	Collie ...	2040
Sago ... "	0 2½	0 3½	27.27	0 3½	18.18	Coolgardie ...	2098
Jam ... "	0 4½	0 7½	76.47	0 8	88.24	Cue ...	2339
Oatmeal ... "	0 2½	0 3½	50.00	0 3½	50.00	Geraldton ...	1977
Raisins ... "	0 7	0 8½	17.86	0 8½	17.86	Greenbushes ...	2116
Currants ... "	0 6½	0 8	23.08	0 8	23.08	Gwalia ...	2250
Starch ... "	0 6	0 9½	54.17	0 9½	54.17	Jarnadup ...	2084
Blue (doz. squares) ...	0 11	1 4	45.45	1 4	45.45	Jarrahdale ...	1994
Candles ... lb.	0 7½	0 11	46.67	0 11½	50.00	Kalgoorlie ...	2013
Soap ... "	0 3	0 5½	75.00	0 5½	75.00	Katanning ...	1857
Potatoes ... 14lbs.	1 8½	1 10	8.64	1 6½	8.64†	Leonora ...	2293
Onions ... lb.	0 1½	0 1½	...	0 1½	...	Lyall's Mill ...	2033
Kerosene ... gal.	1 2½	1 7½	34.48	1 9	44.83	Manjimup ...	2096
Butter ... lb.	1 4	2 0½	53.13	1 11	43.75	Meekatharra ...	2325
Cheese ... "	0 11½	1 3	33.33	1 2½	31.11	Menzies ...	2321
Eggs ... doz.	1 8½	1 4	21.95†	1 6½	9.76†	Merredin ...	2021
Bacon—Middle ... lb.	1 2	1 7½	39.29	1 7½	41.07	Mullewa ...	2227
Shoulder ... "	0 9	0 11	22.22	0 11½	25.00	Nanga Brook...	1950
Ham ... "	1 3½	1 11	48.39	1 11½	51.61	Narrogin ...	1879
Bread ... 2lbs.	0 3½	0 5½	57.14	0 5½	57.14	Norseman ...	2426
Milk ... qrt.	0 6½	0 8½	40.00	0 8½	36.00	Northam ...	1940
MEATS.						Northampton ...	2056
Beef—Sirloin ... lb.	0 8	0 9½	18.75	0 9½	18.75	Pemberton ...	2136
Rib ... "	0 6½	0 8	18.52	0 7½	11.11	Southern Cross ...	2207
Flank ... "	0 5½	0 8½	52.17	0 8½	52.17	Wiluna ...	2723
Shin ... "	0 6	0 6½	12.5	0 6½	8.33	Yarloop ...	1917
Steak, Rump ... "	0 11½	1 3½	34.78	1 3½	34.78	Youanmi ...	2736
Shoulder ... "	0 7½	0 9½	27.59	0 9	24.14		
Stewing ... "	0 6½	0 7½	14.81	0 7½	14.81		
Corned, Round ... "	0 7	0 8½	21.43	0 8½	25.00		
Brisket with bone ... "	0 4½	0 5½	16.67	0 5	17.65		
" without bone ... "	0 6	0 7	16.67	0 6½	12.5		
Mutton—Leg ... "	0 9	0 9	...	0 9	...		
Shoulder ... "	0 7½	0 6½	6.89†	0 6	17.25†		
Loin ... "	0 8	0 8½	6.25	0 8½	6.25		
Neck ... "	0 6½	0 5½	14.81†	0 5½	14.81†		
Chops, Loin... "	0 9	0 9½	5.56	0 9½	8.33		
" Leg ... "	0 9	0 9½	8.33	0 9½	8.33		
" Neck... "	0 7½	0 6½	6.89†	0 6½	6.89†		
Pork—Leg ... "	0 10½	1 1½	28.57	1 2	33.33		
Loin ... "	0 10½	1 4	52.38	1 2	33.33		
Belly ... "	0 9½	0 11½	15.38	0 11½	20.51		
Chops ... "	0 11	1 2½	31.82	1 2½	31.82		
All commodities ... "	...	...	32.39	...	30.00		

a Extending from Fremantle to Midland Junction, both inclusive. †Decrease.

No. 40.—Average Weekly House Rents, Sept. Quarter, 1927, and Dec. Quarter, 1927.

Period.	Index No. *	Percentage Increase as compared with July, 1914.	Sept., 1927.						Dec., 1927.					
			COTTAGES.											
			(a) Metro-politan Area.	(b) Out-ports.	(c) Agricultural Towns.	(a) Metro-politan Area.	(b) Out-ports.	(c) Agricultural Towns.	(a) Metro-politan Area.	(b) Out-ports.	(c) Agricultural Towns.	(a) Metro-politan Area.	(b) Out-ports.	(c) Agricultural Towns.
1914.														
July ...	1340	...												
1927.														
First Quarter (Jan. to Mar.)	1809	35.00												
Second Quarter (Apr. to June.)	1823	36.04												
Third Quarter (July to Sept.)	1772	32.24												
October ...	1793	33.81												
November ...	1783	33.06												
December ...	1742	30.00												
Fourth Quarter (Oct. to Dec.)	1773	32.31												

* Representing variations in the cost of food and groceries in the Metropolitan Area for the periods referred to, with weighted average for six capital towns in 1911 as base = 1000.

a See Note to Table No. 39. b Albany, Bunbury, and Geraldton. c Northam and Katanning. In Dec. the average house rent for the Metropolitan Area was 20/11 as compared with 20/11 in Sept. In calculating the average rent for each quarter, "weights" representing the number of houses in the Metropolitan Area as disclosed by the 1921 Census were used.

XIV.—WAGES.

No. 41.—Minimum* Rates of Wages established under Awards of the Courts of Arbitration or Industrial Agreements, as on 31st December, 1927.

Occupation.	Period to which Rates of Wages apply.	No. of Hours in period.	Wages.
MALES—			
Aerated Water Factory Hand	Per week	48	£ s. d. £4 5s. to £4 17s.
Aeroplane Mechanic	do.	44	£5 9 0
Artificial Manure Worker	Per day	...	0 14 11
Assembler (Agricultural Implement) <i>b</i>	do.	...	14s. 11d. to 15s. 2d.
Baker	Per week	48	£5 to £5 10s.
Baker (Goldfields)	do.	48	£5 15s. to £6 5s.
Barman	do.	48	5 3 0
Do. (Goldfields)	do.	48	£3 5 0
Bedding Hand	Per day	...	0 16 10
Blacksmith, Engineering <i>b</i>	Per week	48	£5 9s. to £5 12s.
Blacksmith, Engineering (Goldfields)	do.	48	5 15 0
Boatbuilder and Shipwright	Per day	...	0 18 4
Boilermaker's Assistant (Engineering)	Per week	48	4 11 0
Bookbinder and Paper-ruler	do.	44	5 9 0
Bootmaker	do.	48	5 1 3
Boxmaker (Wooden)	do.	48	£4 12s. 6d. to £4 15s.
Brass-finisher (Engineering)	do.	48	5 7 4
Brewery Employee	do.	48	4 15 0
Brewery Employee (Goldfields)	do.	44	£5 7s. 6d. to £5 17s. 6d.
Bricklayer	Per hour	...	0 2 8
Brickyards Employee (adult)	Per day	...	15s. 5d. to 16s. 9d.
Butcher—Shopman	Per week	44	£5 0 0
Butcher—Shopman (Goldfields)	do.	44	£5 0 0
Cabinetmaker	do.	44	£5 9 0
Carpenter <i>b</i>	Per hour...	...	2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d.
Carpenters (Goldfields)	Per day	...	0 18 2
Carter or Horsedriver	Per week	48	£4 14s. 6d. to £5 7s. 6d.
Carter or Horsedriver (Goldfields)	do.	48	£4 15s. to £5 10s.
Carter or Horsedriver (Bush Timber)	do.	48	£4 8 0
Carver (Wood)	Per day	...	0 18 4
Chairmaker	Per week	44	5 9 0
Cleaner and Caretaker	do.	48	4 10 0
Clerk (Commercial)—			
Wholesale	do.	44	£4 12s. 6d. to £5
Retail	do.	48	4 15 0
Coachbuilder, Wheelwright, etc.	do.	48	5 6 0
Compositor (Hand) <i>a</i>	do.	44	5 9 0
Confectioner	do.	48	5 0 0
Cook—			
Chief, where more than one employed	do.	48	£5 8s. to £5 16s.
Other Cooks	do.	48	£4 13s. to £5 3s.
Other Cooks (Goldfields)	do.	48	£ 3 17 6
Cooks (Railway Refreshment Rooms)	do.	48	6 7 6
Cooper	do.	48	5 14 0
Coppersmith <i>b</i>	do.	48	5 9 0
Currier	do.	48	4 19 0
Dairyman, Yardman	do.	50	4 5 0
Drawer	Per 1,000 bricks	...	3s. 2d. to 4s.
Dresser (casting) <i>b</i>	Per week	48	£4 5s. to £4 8s.
Driller (Engineering) <i>b</i>	do.	48	£5 9 0
Driller (Engineering), Goldfields	do.	48	4 17 0
Dyeing Employee	do.	44	4 0 0
Electrical Trade—			
Lineman and Wireman <i>b</i>	do.	48	5 6 0
Lineman and Wireman (Goldfields)	do.	48	5 3 0
Engine-driver—			
Locomotive Engine (not Government Railways)	Per day	...	19s. 6d. to 23s. 6d.
Stationary Engine (non-condensing)	Per week	48	5 8 0
Traction Engine	do.	48	4 15 0
Crane (Perth Wharves)	do.	44	5 15 0
Fellmonger and Woollscourer	do.	48	4 13 0
Fire Brigade Employee	do.	<i>b</i>	4 10 0
Fireman, Locomotive Engine (not Government Railways)	Per day	...	16s. 3d. to 19s.
Fireman, Stationary Engine (one boiler)	Per week	48	£4 11s. to £4 14s.
Fitter and Turner (including Electrical)	do.	48	£5 12 0
Do. (Goldfields)	do.	48	5 9 0
Flourmill Employee	do.	44	4 5 6
Food Manufacturer	do.	48	£4 15s. to £5 5s.
French polisher	do.	44	5 6 0
Fruit and Produce Market Employee	do.	48	4 5 0
Gas Works Employee	do.	48	£4 5s. to £5 11s.
Glass Worker (unskilled labour)	do.	48	4 2 6
Hairdresser	do.	48	5 3 0
Hairdresser (Goldfields)	do.	42	4 10 0
Harbour Works Employee	do.	44	£4 11s. to £5 9s.
Harnessmaker and Saddler	do.	48	£5 9 0
Hewer (Sleepers, etc.)	Per load	...	£2 6s. to £2 8s. 9d.
Hide, Skin, and Wool-Store Employee	Per week	44	4 8 0
Horse driver (<i>see</i> Carter).			
Jeweller	do.	48	5 5 0
Joiner	Per day	...	18 0

* South-Western District (in Engineering Award, Perth) rates unless otherwise stated. Where ranges occur, they show minimum rates, varying according to different circumstances connected with the same occupation. In some cases private agreements, which are not yet filed at the Court, have been quoted from.
 † With board and lodging. ‡ Two horses, 3s. for every additional horse up to and including 10. *a* Newspaper rates provided for in separate agreement. *b* Government employees have special awards, and the hours worked are 44 per week.

No. 41.—Minimum* Rates of Wages established under Awards of the Courts of Arbitration
or Industrial Agreements—continued.

Occupation.	Period to which Rates of Wages apply.	No. of Hours in period.	Wages.
MALES—			
Kitchenman, Pantryman, and Sculleryman ...	Per week ...	48	£ 8 0
Labourer, Builders' ...	Per hour ...	...	1s. 11½d. and 2s. 2d.
Labourer (Engineering and Electrical) ...	Per week ...	48	4 5 0
Labourer (Timber Industry) ...	do. ...	48	4 7 0
Laundry Employee ...	Per day ...	...	0 15 6
Letter-press Machinist ...	Per week ...	44	5 5 0
Lighterman ...	do. ...	48	4 15 6
Lime Worker ...	Per hour ...	...	1s. 10½d. to 2s.
Linotype Operator <i>b</i> ...	Per week ...	42	6 11 0
Machinist, First class (Engineering) <i>h</i> ...	do. ...	48	5 9 0
Machinists First Class (Engineering)—Goldfields ...	do. ...	48	5 9 0
Machinist (Wood) ...	Per day ...	...	14s. 8d. to 17s. 4d.
Machinist (Furniture Trade) ...	do. ...	...	18s. 4d.
Marine Diver ...	<i>a</i> ...	...	1 10 0
Marine Store Employee ...	Per week ...	48	4 0 0
Mason (Monumental) ...	Per hour ...	...	0 2 7
Mattress Maker (Wire) ...	Per week ...	44	5 6 0
Mattress Maker (other) ...	do. ...	44	5 3 0
Miller (Shift), sawmill ...	do. ...	44	5 0 6
Miner, Coal (labourer on coal mine) ...	Per shift ...	7	0 16 6
Miner (Gold)—			
Machine (in Shafts, Rises, and Winzes) ...	do. ...	...	16s. 10d. to 17s. 8d.
Machine (in other places) ...	do. ...	...	0 16 6
Hand Labour (in Shafts, Rises, and Winzes) ...	do. ...	...	16s. to 16s. 10d.
Hand Labour (in other places) ...	do. ...	...	0 15 8
Monotype Operator ...	Per week ...	42	6 11 0
Motor Car Drivers ...	do. ...	48	£4 16s. 6d. to £5
Motor Lorry Driver <i>d</i> ...	do. ...	48	†£4 14s. to £5 2s.
Motor Mechanic ...	do. ...	48	5 3 0
Motor Mechanic (Engineering), Goldfields ...	do. ...	48	5 9 0
Moulder (Metal) <i>h</i> ...	do. ...	48	£5 6s. to £5 9s.
Musician (Picture and Theatrical Shows) ...	do. (6 nights) ...	Special hours	/ £4 10s. to £5 5s.
Navy or Tramway Builder—Timber Industry	do. ...	48	4 8 0
Offbearer (Brickmaking) ...	Per day ...	...	0 15 4
Optical Mechanic ...	Per week ...	48	4 16 0
Orderly (Hospital) ...	do. ...	48	£4 5s. to £5 1s. 2d.
Orderly (Hospital), Goldfields ...	do. ...	48	†2 15 0
Packer (Shop Assistants) ...	do. ...	...	4 15 0
Painter and Paperhanger ...	do. ...	48	5 9 0
Pastrycook ...	do. ...	48	£5 5s. to £5 12s. 6d.
Patternmaker <i>h</i> ...	do. ...	48	6 1 0
Photographic Employee ...	do. ...	44	4 5 0
Pipemaker (Vertical) ...	Per hour ...	...	0 1 11½
Planer, etc. (Engineering) ...	Per week ...	48	£5 9s. to £5 12s. 6d.
Planer, etc. (Engineering)—Goldfields ...	do. ...	48	5 9 0
Plasterer ...	Per hour ...	...	0 2 8
Plumber <i>g</i> ...	do. ...	44	2s. 8d. 2/11
Plumber (Goldfields) ...	Per shift ...	...	0 19 0
Porter (Hotel) ...	Per week ...	48	£4 8s. to £4 13s.
Pottery and Tile Employee (Adult) ...	Per day ...	...	14s. 10d. to 16s. 6d.
Quarryman ...	Per week ...	44	£4 15s. 4d. to £4 15s. 8d.
Sanitary Employee—Municipal (Perth) ...	Per shift ...	8	15s. 2d. to 16s. 8d.
Saw Filer ...	Per week ...	48	4 16 0
Sawyer—Bush Timber Mills ...	do. ...	48	£4 8s. to £5 6s.
Sawyer—City Timber Mills ...	do. ...	47	£4 14s. 6d. to £5 7s. 6d.
Sculleryman (Goldfields) ...	do. ...	60	†2 0 0
Setter (Brickmaking) ...	Per day ...	...	0 15 10
Shearer ...	Per 100 sheep ...	...	c 2 0 0
Shed Hand (Shearing, etc.) ...	Per week ...	44	†3 19 8
Sheet Fibrous Plaster Worker ...	Per hour ...	...	1s. 11d. to 2s. 3½d.
Sheet Metal Worker ...	Per week ...	48	£5 5s. to £5 9s.
Shop Assistant—General ...	do. ...	...	4 15 0
Juniors ...	do. ...	...	14s. 11d. to £3 4s. 10d.
Canvasser ...	do. ...	...	£4 14s. 6d.
Shop Assistant (Goldfields), Adult ...	do. ...	48	£4 15s. to £4 19s. 6d.
Shop Assistant (Goldfields), Junior ...	do. ...	44 and 48	17s. 6d. to £3 15s.
Slaughterman ...	do. ...	44	5 12 6
Slaughterman (Goldfields) ...	do. ...	48	5 10 0
Smallgoodsman (Butcher's) ...	do. ...	44	£5 5s. to £5 10s.
Do. do. (Goldfields) ...	do. ...	48	6 0 0
Spotter—Timber Industry ...	do. ...	48	5 0 0
Stableman ...	do. ...	48	4 18 0
Storeman and Despatch Hand (Shop Assistants)	do. ...	...	£4 15s. to £4 17s.
Striker—Blacksmith's (Engineering) <i>h</i> ...	do. ...	48	4 17 0
Superphosphate Worker ...	Per day ...	8	14s. 11d. to 16s. 11d.
Survey Hand ...	do. ...	...	0 15 4
Tailor Out—Bush Timber Mills ...	Per week ...	48	£4 8s. to £4 11s. 6d.
Tailor Out—City Timber Mills ...	do. ...	47	4 10 6
Tailor (Male hand) ...	do. ...	44	£4 17s. to £5 17s.
Do. (Goldfields) ...	do. ...	48	5 0 0
Tailor's Presser ...	do. ...	44	5 2 0
Taker-off and Trucker (Brickmaking), double machine	Per day ...	...	0 14 6
Tallyman (City Sawmills) ...	Per week ...	47	4 16 6

See note * on page 27.

† 2s. 6d. per week extra on goldfields.

‡ With board and lodging.

a Per day or part of day engaged in diving.

b See note *a* to Compositor on page 27.

"found," 2s. 6d. per week is deducted.

d Motor vehicles which provide seating accommodation for more than seven persons.

f Extra 14s. to 15s. each matinee.

g The higher rate. Includes ½d. per hour for own tools and ½d. per hour in lieu of holidays.

h See note *b* on page 27.

No. 41.—Minimum * Rates of Wages established under Awards of the Courts of Arbitration or Industrial Agreements—continued.

Occupation.	Period to which Rates of Wages apply.	No. of Hours in period.	Wages.
MALES—			
Tannery Employee (Unskilled)	Per week	48	£ s. d. 4 3 6
Timber Sorter (City Sawmills)	do.	47	£4 10s. to £4 16s. 6d
Truck-loader (Flourmilling)	do.	44	4 8 0
Turner (Wood)	Per day ... ..	...	0 17 10
Undertaker's Employee	Per week	48	£4 15s 6d to £5 5s 6d
Unhairer and Scudder—Tannery	do.	48	4 9 0
Upholseer	do.	44	5 9 0
Vineyard Employee	Per week	48	£3 14s. 6d. to £4 7s.
Waiter	do.	48	4 12 0
Watchmaker, Clockmaker (including repair work)	do.	48	5 9 0
Water Supply and Sewerage employee (Labourer)	Per day ... ..	...	0 14 2
Wharf Labourer—			
General Cargo Work (all ports)	Per hour ... ..	...	d 0 2 9½
Overtime (ordinary)	do. ... ..	...	0 3 9
Coal (including explosives), Fremantle, Perth, Bunbury, and Geraldton	do. ... ..	...	d 0 3 1
Overtime (ordinary)	do. ... ..	...	0 4 0
Wicker Worker	Per week	44	5 6 0
Winchman, log landing	do.	48	4 9 0
Wine and Spirit Warehouse employee ...	do.	48	£4 12s. 6d. to £5 4s.
Wool Scourer (see Fellmonger).			
Yardman (Hotel)	do.	48	4 8 0
Railway and Tramway Servants—			
Government Railways: (e)			
Car Conductor	Per day ... ..	...	0 13 10
Chainman	do.	†	0 16 0½
Cleaner, Locomotive (21 years and over)	do. ... ..	...	15s. 9d. to 16s. 1d.
Cleaner, Locomotive (under 21 years)	do. ... ..	...	8s. 11d. to 13s. 6d.
Engine-driver, Locomotive	do. ... ..	...	19s. 6d. to £1 3s. 10d.
Engine-driver (Stationary)	do. ... ..	...	16s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.
Fireman, Locomotive	do. ... ..	...	16s. 3d. to 19s. 3d.
Guard (average)	do. ... ..	...	0 17 4
Platelayer and Repairer (including Gangers)	do.	†	15s. 0½d. to 19s. 6½d.
Porter	do. ... ..	...	13s. 4d. to 15s. 10d.
Shunter	do. ... ..	...	14s. 4d. to 16s. 4d.
Signalman	do. ... ..	...	13s. 10d. to 17s. 10d.
Storeman	do. ... ..	...	14s. 4d. to 16s. 6d.
Washoutmen, Packers and Trimmers	do. ... ..	...	16s. 3d. to £1 0s. 11d.
Government Tramways: (e)			
Conductor or Motorman	Per week	44	£4 7s. to £4 17s
Ganger	do.	44	£5 10s. to £6 2s.
Other Tramways:			
Conductor or Motorman (Fremantle)	Per day ... ..	...	0 15 10
Conductor or Motorman (Goldfields)...	do. ... ..	...	0 15 5
FEMALES— Barmaid	Per week	48	5 3 0
Barmaid (Goldfields)	do.	44	a 3 5 0
Box-maker (after 4 years)	do.	44	2 7 6
Box-maker (juniors)	do.	44	15s. to £2
Clerk (Commercial)—			
Wholesale	do.	44	3 2 8
Retail	do.	44	2 15 0
Cleaner (e)	Per hour... ..	...	0 1 6
Cook	Per week	44	£3 14s. to £4 15s.
Cook (Goldfields Hospital)	do.	48	a £2 10s. 8d. to £2 18s. 11d.
Cook or Kitchen Hand in charge (Adults)—			
Tea Rooms (Goldfields)	do.	48	a £1 19s. to £2 1s. 6d.
Counter Hand (Tea Rooms, etc.)	do.	44	3 7 6
Dressmaker (order)	do.	44	£2 10s 8d to £2 12s 8d
Dressmaker (factory)	do.	44	£2 6s. 6d. to £2 9s. 6d.
Dyeing and Cleaning Hand	do.	44	2 15 0
Food Manufacturer	do.	44	2 7 8
Furniture Trade	Per day ... ..	...	0 8 10½
Juniors	Per week	44	16s. 2d. to 43s. 1d.
Hairdresser, Junior	do.	44	£1 4s. 6d. to £3.
Do. Adult	do.	44	3 7 6
Kitchenmaid, Pantrymaid, Scullerymaid (Adult)	do.	44	3 5 3
Kitchenmaid, etc., (Hotels, Goldfields)	do.	48	a 2 1 6
Laundry Worker	Per day ... ..	...	9s. 9d. to 11s. 9d.
Milliner	Per week	44	2 8 8
Photographic Employee	do.	44	2 10 0
Printing and Bookbinding—			
Seniors	do.	44	2 5 0
Juniors	do.	44	13s. 4d. to £2 0s. 9d.
Saddlery	do.	45	£2 18s. 4d. to £5 6s. 8d.
Shop Assistant	do.	44	£2 14s. 2d. to £2 19s. 2d.
Juniors	do.	44	14s. 9d. to £2 18s. 8d.
Shop Assistant (Goldfields), Adult	do.	44	2 12 6
Shop Assistant (Goldfields), Junior	do.	44	12s. 6d. to £2 5s.
Tailoress (including Cutters)	do.	44	£2 13s. 1½d. to £5 10s.
Tailoress (Slop Clothing)	do.	44	£2 8s. 8d. to £2 11s. 8d
Waitress	do.	44	£2 18s. to £3 5s. 3d.
Do. (Tea Rooms and Restaurants, Goldfields)	do.	48	b 1 16 6
Do. (Hotels, Goldfields)	do.	48	a 2 1 6
Whiteworker	do.	44	£2 6s. 6d. to £2 14s. 6d.

* See note * on page 27.

† Weekly wage calculated on the basis of 5½ working days of eight hours.

a With board and lodging.

b In Tea Rooms board only. In Restaurants 7s. 6d. lodging allowance also.

c If employed for less than 25 hours per week, 1s. 9d. per hour.

d From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

e Shunters from 28-12-24, others from 1-1-25.

XV.—METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS.

No. 42.—Notes on the Rainfall of Western Australia for the months of October, November, December, and Year 1927.

October.—The outstanding feature of the month's rainfall was the large excesses at a few of the extreme Southern agricultural centres, embracing the areas lying between Ravensthorpe, Jarramongup, Ongerup, Kukerin and Broomehill. In this section the excesses over the usual October figures ranged from 1.62 inches at Kukerin to 2.86 at Ravensthorpe. The bulk of the rain fell on the 7th and 8th in connection with a depression which caused a general agricultural rainfall, the greater part of which fell on the South-West Coast and Southern agricultural districts.

Associated chiefly with Southern depressions light to moderate rains were also reported from practically all agricultural centres on the 13th, 14th, 15th, 29th and 31st. The totals at the close of the month showed decreases throughout the Midland and Northern areas and at many stations over the Eastern Wheat belt, but excesses at the majority of stations along the Great Southern Railway.

In the pastoral regions conditions were very dry during October, but this was by no means unusual for the time of the year. It was noticeable that thunderstorms commenced in the Kimberley districts towards the end of the month, but the falls were, as yet, light, while over the Northern Territory border they had been heavier but patchy.

November.—Excluding the greater portion of the East Kimberley, and a few scattered stations in the North-West and agricultural areas, a general rain shortage was noticeable during the month.

In the East Kimberley Wyndham exceeded the average by 271 points, Hall's Creek by 247, and Fitzroy Crossing by 276 points, and although the West Kimberley showed a shortage, the large excesses at these stations so early in the rainy season was particularly encouraging as an indication of good general rains later in the season throughout tropical areas. Some isolated good falls were also noted in the Central North-West, between Nullagine and Mundiwindi, but only trifling showers were reported from the Gascoyne.

Throughout the agricultural centres and Goldfields the only general falls were on the 19th and 20th, and these were of considerable benefit to the late crops in the agricultural areas. Scattered showers, chiefly coastal, also fell during the month, but in the majority of cases were only of slight importance.

December.—Apart from some light coastal showers on the 14th, which extended northward to the Moora district and inland to the Great Southern country, the rainfall for the month was of a thundery character, and, with the exception of one extensive storm on the 23rd, was very patchy, and, apart from isolated gaugings, light. A few useful local falls occurred between the 11th and 13th, but in some instances they were accompanied by hail. A few crops were damaged, but no wide-spread destruction was reported.

The rainfall of the 23rd was heaviest on the Coolgardie Goldfields, where Bulong registered 225 points and Sandstone 208 points. The fringes of the storm affected the outer areas of the wheat belt, and also the Murchison and Northern Midland country where some further thundershowers scattered throughout the ensuing week raised the month's totals at most of the stations sufficiently to surpass the average. The majority of the Coolgardie Goldfield totals also exceeded normal, but elsewhere, with only a few isolated exceptions, defects were the rule. These, however, did not assume serious proportions except in the Kimberleys. In that division light thunderstorms were frequent during the latter half of the month, but only one substantial downpour occurred, viz., 4 inches at Wyndham on the 29th and 30th, and this station alone showed an over-average total for the month.

Year.—The season of 1927, from a wheat growing and pastoral viewpoint, was the best Western Australia has experienced for many years—this despite damage caused to crops by fungus diseases and by hail during November and December. The apple crop, from various causes showed a serious falling off compared with recent years, but other fruits were returning satisfactory yields.

A glance at the annual rain-map showed that the averages had been exceeded over the greater part of the State. At some of the Eastern Goldfields stations the normal rainfall was doubled, while in the areas where the totals fell short of the average values, the defects were nowhere of serious consequence.

In the Kimberleys, following upon good December rains in 1926, copious falls were recorded in January, especially during the latter half. Further good rains fell in February and March, while Fitzroy had a fall of 4 inches in April. The usual dry period then intervened, broken only by useful falls at Broome and La Grange early in June, but that month was also marked by destructive grass-fires through the West Kimberley, causing considerable loss. The seasonal rains resumed in November and December but were weaker than usual.

In the North-West, the rainfall was more patchy than elsewhere, with the result that some sections did not benefit to the desired extent. Good falls were noted in January, February and March. In June there were frequent extensions of the agricultural winter rains, and the monsoonal rains recommenced during November.

Throughout the Gascoyne and Goldfields districts useful falls were recorded in January and February. Heavy rain fell during March, with the result that the three years' drought in the Carnarvon district was broken. Rail and road transport were interrupted, and floods were experienced at many centres, including Yalgoo, Ninghan, Leonora, and Menzies. At Ninghan 5 inches fell on one day between 4 a.m. and 6.30 a.m., and the total rainfall for the month was 12.28 inches. So great was the intensity of the flood that waves of six feet high were reported to have swept in a torrent past the homestead. Pastures grew rapidly as a result of further good falls in June, July and September. On December 23rd, another general rain affected the Goldfields, many stations registering between 1 and 2 inches.

The agricultural areas also shared the heavy rains of March, and floods and washaways were noted almost generally. The winter rains started earlier than usual, and continued, with one or two anxious times caused by dry periods, until the middle of October. Flood conditions were again closely approached in early July in the Collie-Preston Valley, and a terrific downpour in the Albany district on September 18th flooded the King and Kalgan rivers and other streams, causing serious washaways, and flooding out a number of settlers.

In the metropolitan area the year generally was much quieter than 1926, although damage amounting to £8,000 was caused by a particularly violent storm which raged through Perth and Fremantle on June 18th. Some of the gusts attained a velocity of 70 miles an hour.

December was an unusually hot month both in the metropolitan area and through the agricultural districts. No new records were established, but the heat waves were lengthy and ranked amongst the most severe ever experienced in December.

No. 43.—Abstract of Meteorological Observations.

(a) At Perth (Latitude, 31° 57' S. Altitude above mean sea-level, 197 feet. Longitude, 115° 51' E.)

1926.	Barometer.*			Shade Temperature.								Evaporation.		Rainfall.			
	Average for 42 years.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Maximum.	Mean Minimum.	Maximum on any one day.	Minimum on any one day.	Highest previous record since 1897.		Lowest previous record since 1897.		Inches.	Aver., 28 yrs., inches.	Total.		Average for 52 years.	
								Max.	Date.	Min.	Date.			Inches.	Days.	Inches.	Days.
Jan. ...	29.91	30.10	29.62	83	60	102	56	108	1921	50	1921	10.36	10.39	0.47	6	0.34	3
Feb. ...	.92	.06	.74	83	61	100	54	107	1915	48	1902	8.41	8.55	0.15	2	.45	3
Mar. ...	.99	.19	.49	76	61	86	53	106	1914	46	1903	6.57	7.60	1.88	9	.79	5
Apr. ...	30.08	.29	.75	81	60	94	53	100	1910	39	1914	5.13	4.72	1.32	6	1.65	7
May ...	.07	.42	.66	69	51	86	43	90	1907	34	1914	2.99	2.73	4.85	12	4.97	14
June ...	.06	.37	.26	64	48	71	41	82	1914	35	1920	1.67	1.75	7.98	16	6.92	17
July ...	.08	.27	.62	62	48	67	38	76	1921	34	1916	1.79	1.75	6.23	19	6.57	17
Aug. ...	.04	.34	.77	64	50	70	38	81	1914	35	1908	2.13	2.37	6.49	24	5.63	18
Sept. ...	.08	.32	.62	68	52	80	44	91	1918	39	1913	3.59	3.32	3.93	15	3.41	15
Oct. ...	.03	.42	.70	71	54	86	45	93	1906	41	1917	5.56	5.22	2.67	13	2.21	12
Nov. ...	29.99	.25	.72	77	57	94	49	105	1913	42	1904	7.71	7.63	0.43	6	0.81	6
Dec. ...	.93	.20	.59	86	64	106	54	108	1904	48	1910	10.94	9.80	0.19	5	0.57	4
Mean...	30.02	...	...	74	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extreme	...	30.42	29.26	...	...	106	38	108	28-1-21	34	7-7-16	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66.85	65.83	36.59	133	34.32	121

* In addition to other corrections further correction for standard gravity has been applied.

(b) Annual Rainfall in Meteorological Land Divisions in Western Australia during 1926, with averages to end of 1925.

Land Divisions.	Rainfall during 1926.		Average, previous years.		Period of Observations of Normal.	
	Range.	Mean.	Range of Means.	Average.	Range.	Average.
North Kimberley ...	35.84 to 47.78	44.37	26.85 to 36.08	31.45	16 to 39	22
East Kimberley ...	26.60 " 42.93	36.16	17.93 " 31.83	23.74	12 " 35	26
West Kimberley ...	24.52 " 50.39	39.32	13.01 " 34.53	24.51	21 " 40	25
De Grey ...	5.74 " 15.89	10.89	10.59 " 15.75	12.70	24 " 39	30
Portescue ...	3.83 " 13.33	7.61	8.43 " 15.62	10.97	13 " 40	28
West Gascoyne ...	4.16 " 8.48	6.74	8.04 " 13.65	9.71	18 " 43	30
East Gascoyne ...	7.21 " 16.92	11.63	7.96 " 11.25	9.29	14 " 37	26
South West—						
North Coastal ...	12.77 " 22.86	17.24	10.87 " 20.26	16.00	12 " 48	23
Central Coastal ...	26.01 " 78.05	48.44	21.52 " 55.14	33.97	13 " 50	33
South Coastal ...	25.06 " 70.01	50.51	21.43 " 59.45	37.75	12 " 49	28
Central North ...	10.76 " 29.02	16.62	9.18 " 21.21	13.63	12 " 46	20
Central South ...	13.97 " 39.63	22.22	12.14 " 28.66	17.43	10 " 49	24
North-East ...	6.63 " 10.26	7.93	8.13 " 9.98	9.18	13 " 27	17
South-East ...	4.77 " 12.94	7.80	8.27 " 12.09	9.75	16 " 36	26
Eucla ...	5.42 " 10.44	7.42	9.35 " 15.46	11.16	24 " 50	38

XVI.—PARLIAMENTARY ROLLS.

No. 44.—Legislative Assembly, Number on Rolls, 30th June, 1927, and General Election,
26th March, 1927.

District.	Net Enrolment.			District.	Net Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Albany	2,990	2,390	5,380	Mount Magnet ...	678	259	937
Avon	3,340	1,941	5,281	Mount Margaret ...	382	101	483
Beverley	1,529	1,007	2,536	Murchison	850	301	1,151
Boulder	1,185	1,164	2,349	Murray-Wellington ...	2,850	2,019	4,869
Brown Hill-Ivanhoe ...	1,125	899	2,024	Nelson	3,357	2,338	5,695
Bunbury	1,883	1,844	3,727	Northam	1,829	1,588	3,417
Canning	7,963	9,137	17,100	Perth	2,296	1,985	4,281
Claremont	4,921	5,536	10,457	Perth, East	3,550	4,359	7,909
Collie	2,568	1,940	4,508	Perth, North	3,624	4,546	8,170
Coolgardie	607	323	930	Perth, West	2,231	3,087	5,318
Cue	340	157	497	Pilbara	441	85	526
Forrest	1,841	1,028	2,869	Pingelly	1,805	1,010	2,815
Fremantle	1,956	1,919	3,875	Roebourne	504	143	647
Fremantle, North-East	3,649	3,928	7,577	Subiaco	4,729	6,134	10,863
Fremantle, South ...	2,641	2,467	5,108	Sussex	2,636	1,875	4,511
Gascoyne	1,029	344	1,373	Swan	2,853	2,490	5,343
Geraldton	1,521	1,337	2,858	Toodyay	3,160	1,945	5,105
Greenough	2,069	1,055	3,124	Wagin	1,900	1,840	3,240
Guildford	5,088	5,461	10,549	Williams-Narrogin ...	2,732	2,061	4,793
Hannans	345	303	648	Yilgarn	1,016	415	1,431
Irwin	2,438	1,229	3,667	York	2,811	1,617	4,428
Kalgoorlie	1,886	1,524	3,410	Total	111,969	97,607	209,576
Kanowna	1,109	432	1,541				
Katanning	2,541	1,955	4,496				
Kimberley	847	229	1,076				
Leederville	5,381	6,641	12,022				
Menzies	191	75	266				
Moore	2,311	1,424	3,735				
Mount Leonora	441	220	661				

* Including 2,000 informal votes.

No. 45.—Legislative Council, Net Enrolment, 30th June, 1927, and Biennial Elections,
8th May, 1926.

Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Central	3,941	946	4,887	South-West	5,923	1,351	7,274
East	6,594	1,533	8,127	West	5,552	2,217	7,769
Metropolitan	4,535	2,359	6,894	Total	50,797	17,977	68,774
Metropolitan-Suburban	14,157	6,773	20,930				
North	531	83	614				
North-East	2,074	929	3,003				
South	2,369	707	3,076				
South-East	5,121	1,079	6,200				

Election—8-5-26.

Names on Roll ...	52,129	17,598	69,727
In contested Provinces	39,566	15,120	54,686
Votes recorded ...	23,956	8,136	*32,092

* Including 507 informal votes.

XVII.—PROHIBITION POLL, 4th April, 1925.

No. 46.—Results for the whole State of the Prohibition Poll taken under the provisions of
“The Licensing Act, 1911.”

Electors in State.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Valid Votes.	For Prohibition.	Against Prohibition.	Total.
Enrolled 4th April, 1925	106,535	93,677	200,212	} Recorded ...	41,362	77,113	118,475
Votes recorded	66,359	52,774	119,133*				

* Including 658 informal votes.

XVIII.—CENSUS OF 4th APRIL, 1921.

No. 47.—Population and Dwellings in Perth and Suburbs.

Local Government Area.*	Population.			Dwellings.			
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Being Built.	Total.
Bayswater RD (Part)	1,134	1,171	2,305	574	28	3	605
Belmont Park RD	1,017	849	1,866	434	22	...	456
Claremont M	2,530	2,981	5,511	1,123	12	2	1,142
Claremont RD	2,062	1,495	3,557	676	42	10	723
Cottesloe M	2,220	2,813	5,033	1,027	45	8	1,080
Cottesloe Beach RD	1,546	1,675	3,221	702	20	3	725
Fremantle M	8,858	8,708	17,566	3,353	74	5	3,437
Fremantle, East M	2,145	2,278	4,423	935	21	15	971
Fremantle, North M	1,747	1,798	3,545	703	25	...	733
Guildford M	943	933	1,876	385	18	1	404
Guildford, West † ... RD (Part)	1,295	1,375	2,670	605	37	6	648
Melville RD (Part)	1,144	1,178	2,322	491	45	3	539
Midland Junction M	2,483	2,454	4,937	1,068	28	2	1,098
Peppermint Grove RD	433	677	1,110	209	5	...	214
Perth M	30,696	33,470	64,166	12,521	295	89	12,905
Perth RD (Part)	5,939	5,915	11,854	2,417	98	8	2,523
Perth, South M	1,370	1,590	2,960	667	63	5	735
Queen's Park RD	1,083	923	2,006	441	16	1	458
Subiaco M	6,292	7,355	13,647	3,028	75	38	3,141
Swan RD (Part)	151	147	298	64	1	...	65
Total	75,088	79,785	154,873	31,438	970	199	32,607

* M—Municipality ; RD—Road District. † Now Bassendean.

NOTE.—For population of Municipalities and Road Board Districts throughout the State, see No. 232 issue for December Quarter of 1923.

No. 48.—Summary of Results relating to Population and Dwellings.

Particulars.	4th April, 1921.				3rd April, 1911.	* Increase during ten years, 1911-1921.
	Urban.		Rural.	Whole State.	Whole State.	
	Metropolitan.	Provincial.				
Area in square miles	136.82	53.08	975,730	975,920	975,920	...
Population—						
Males	75,088	21,291	76,698	a177,278	a161,565	15,713
Females	79,785	21,280	53,400	a155,454	a120,549	34,905
Persons	154,873	42,571	130,098	a332,732	a282,114	50,618
Per square mile	1,131.95	802.02	0.13	0.34	0.29	0.05
Dwellings—						
Occupied	31,441	9,215	32,894	73,550	68,775	4,775
Unoccupied	970	520	1,784	3,274	b 3,158	b 116
Being built	199	32	58	289	b 74	b 215
Total	32,610	9,767	34,736	77,113	72,007	5,106
Per square mile	238.34	184.01	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.01
Occupied Dwellings—						
Private Houses, Tenements, and Flats	29,741	8,681	31,763	† 70,185	† 66,553	3,632
Other than private	1,700	534	1,131	3,365	2,222	1,143
Total Occupied Dwellings ...	31,441	9,215	32,894	73,550	68,775	4,775
Per square mile	229.80	173.61	0.03	0.08	0.07	0.01
Occupied Private Dwellings—						
Average weekly Rental Value of all Private Dwellings ...	18s. 9d.	13s. 1d.	9s. 6d.	13s. 10d.	10s. 7d.	3s. 3d.
Average Weekly Rental Value of Private Dwellings occupied by tenants	17s. 9d.	13s. 0d.	8s. 6d.	14s. 2d.	c 10s. 10d	3s. 4d.
Rooms per occupied Private Dwelling	4.67	4.51	3.71	4.22	3.67	0.55
Inmates per occupied Private Dwelling	4.43	4.24	3.77	4.11	3.68	0.43
Inmates per room in occupied Private Dwelling	0.95	0.94	1.02	0.97	1.00	— 0.03

* Minus sign (—) indicates a decrease.

a Includes Migratory Population (persons on board ships, trains, etc.), which is not included in any sub-division of the State. b Incomplete owing to defective collection in certain cases. c Estimated on the basis of all private dwellings.

† The numbers of occupied private dwellings in 1921 in the Urban and Rural portions of the State respectively, grouped according to the material of the outer walls, were: Stone or brick, 20,467 and 4,076; Wood, 14,769 and 14,128; Iron, 2,724 and 6,177; Calico, Canvas, Hessian, etc., 147 and 927; Sun-dried bricks, 67 and 1,611; all other, 248 and 844. For 1911 throughout the whole State the totals grouped under the same materials were: 18,917; 20,611; 10,109; 14,216; 1,530; 1,170. In 1921 dwellings occupied by owners numbered in the Urban and Rural districts respectively 14,100 and 18,000; by purchasers by instalments, 6,809 and 1,889; by tenants, 16,252 and 7,654.

